

1500 ounces. Difference of 8 1/2 sovereigns
found on this night, in the top box.

M.H.; "R.H. manner is presumptuous, among
the melters, unpopular, as I suppose, on
that acct."

C. Coier; "R. very fond of having his own
way; difficult to get him to take up
the boxes in order. Disagreeable Disposition."

Assayer; his conversation with Martin Sumner.

Mr. Sprague - as to his character.

~~Mr~~ Assayer; R.P. came about 1831.

Conclusion. That it can give rise to suspicion, though
without any direct evidence. Robert Porter was advised to
assign his place in the mint, and he did so.

New York Feb 28. 1849.

Director of U. S. Mint Phila.

Paul at the request of a New Orleans
house whom I represent I send a
package said to contain as follows
as dwt
9.5. California Gold

1. 19. 11. old Jewelry
2. 13. 8. good chain

I wish the Cal. Gold tested and if
practicable made into quarter Eagles
with the mark Cal on - The jewelry
I send also at the request as above, which
I wish a different assay made - and
when ready return me by Adams Express

Respy to

Yours

John. H. Obey.

Mont. Wt. Phil. Feb. 25 / 49.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 26th, asking my attention to certain
inquiries made by Baron Alexander Humboldt. The
information that I can convey shall be cheerfully
communicated to you, but it may be necessarily delayed
for a few days.

B. M. S.

Jr.

Hon. Wm. M. Clayton }
Secretary of State.

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate, situate in *Chestnut St.* in the *City* of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of *United States Mint*

To wit:

<i>County Four Hundred Dollars</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>State Five Hundred and Forty Dollars</i>	<i>540.00</i>
<i>300 One Hundred and Forty four Dollars</i>	<i>144.00</i>
	<i>1084.00</i>

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled, "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My residence is *40 South 10th St.*
City of Philadelphia, *July 27th*

1850

Simon Mudge

To Robert M. Patterson Esq.

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate ^{for 1848}
situate in Chestnut St in the City
of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of United States Dist
To wit:

<u>County Four Hundred</u>	<u>balls</u>	<u>400</u>
<u>State Two Hundred & Forty</u>	<u>balls</u>	<u>240</u>
<u>Four One Hundred & Forty four</u>	<u>balls</u>	<u>144</u>
		<u>\$ 744.00</u>

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My Residence is 4246 1/2
City of Philadelphia, Feb 27 1849

To James R. Snowden Esq 3

James H. Hays

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate situate in *Middle Ward* in the *City* of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of *United States Mint*.
To wit:

<i>Charles Dillaway</i>	{	Valuation <i>5805</i>	{	<i>464-</i>	{	<i>8464-</i>
<i>Cor. Chesnut & Mifflin</i>						
<i>N. D. Smith</i>	{	<i>80.00</i>	{		{	

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My Residence is *No 161 Arch St. Below 5th*
City of Philadelphia, *Feb 26 - 1849*

Jas R. Anderson Esq } *Recorder*
Recorder }

15th March Phila Feb 27
1897
To -
Messrs Ballou & Co
145 Reed St
New York

Gentlemen -
On the receipt of your letter of
yesterday I made inquiry of
Adams & Co. and found that
the missing sum composed of
\$245.60 in gold and \$27.05 in silver
was miscounted to them by us on the
16th inst and was carried to
their office where it remained
because they had no note as
to its destination. They are
now informed and you will
receive the amount due to
you without further delay.

Very respectfully
Wm Patterson
Director

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Hon^{ble} Mr. Patterson
President of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York Feb 26. 1849

Sir

A rare numismatic work having
been offered me at a very low price, I
think it my duty to advise you of the fact,
and to ask you if you want it bought
for the Library of the mint. It is

J. D. Köhlers Historische Münzbeschrei-
gen, darinnen allerhand merkwürdige & rare
Thales, Taleren, Schenkstücken, Klippen and
andere sanderbare Gold & Silbermünzen
von mancherley Alder, accurat in Kupfer
gezeichnet, beschrieben und aus der Historie
umständlich erkläret werden 8, 8, 8.

Titel translated:

J. D. Köhlers Historische numismatic
entertainments, in which are accurately
engraved on copper and historically explain:
all kinds of curious & rare Dollars, Taleren,
round & cornered medals and other
curious Gold & Silver Coins

14 vols 4^{to} bound in 7 volumes
published 1729 to 1742 at Nürnberg

The copy is in very good condition
the engravings beautiful & impressions
without reproach.

As the price asked for it is only
£10.00 I have thought this a rare
opportunity for you to acquire the work
and therefore request you to let me
know if I shall take it for you

Your obt. servt.

Rudolph Garrison

foreign Banker
2 Barclay Street House

New York July 26. 1849
M. S. Mint

Gentlemen

We forwarded
by Adams the Express on the 9th Inst
enclosed in a small Box & sealed
4 Bars Silver weighing 274¹¹/₁₆ lbs
1 " Mixed Bullion 42¹¹/₁₆ lbs

and on the 23rd Inst we received
from Adams the returns of 4 Bars
Silver \$300⁰⁰, but as there was
no mention in the Receipt
at the Mint of the Bullion
we would like to know from
you by return Mail whether
it is in your possession - as it
cannot give us the information

Yours Resp.

Baldwin & Sexton

145 Reade St.

N. York

Mint, N.Y.

Phil. Feb. 24/49.

Sir,

The grains which you sent in your letter of the 21st inst. present the flattering appearance of gold, but I am sorry to inform you that they do not contain a particle of that precious metal. The red scales are nothing more than the vitreous bands of Iron.

R. M. P.

Wm. Hamilton, Esq.

W. S. Abbott
Philad^a Feb. 24, 1849.

Sir, I herewith forward
you the weekly statement ending the
day, showing the state of the Bullion
and public money deposited in the
Mint, by the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respy,
Yours ob^t serv^t
(signed) J. R. Sherrard
Treas^r

To
Wm. Selde Esq
Treas^r U. S.
Washington }

Wm. B. Patterson M.D.

Director of the Mint of the United States.

Sir

We the officers of the Mint, charged with the duty of carefully conducting the operations of our several departments, and deeply impressed with the responsibility which rests upon us, in the charge of large amounts of Bullion, and Coin, in the course of the operations of Melting, Coining, &c. and their transfer through the various offices, according to the legal regulations of the Establishment: With this responsibility resting upon us, we feel compelled, respectfully, to ask your attention to the inconsequence, and risk to which we are exposed by the influx of visitors to the Establishment: an evil now fearfully great, and continually on the increase.

The facility with which evil disposed persons, can, under the present regulations, enter and inspect the premises and operations, repeatedly and at their leisure, is too obvious to need our sanction, and a recent attempt to rob a customer of the Mint in open day, shows the audacity of evil disposed persons in this City, and proves that attention has been drawn to the Mint, by such persons as a likely place for profitable operations.

We will not presume to enter into an

enumeration of the many objectionable circumstances attendant on the present usages, we have no doubt that they have suggested themselves to your mind; we therefore, without further remark, solicit authority, to carry into effect such regulations as may be devised, adapted, to protect the interests of exporters, facilitate business, and secure the safety of the precious metals with which we are charged.

With the greatest respect
we remain your obt. Servts

Samuel Ross Snowden
Circuit Clerk ^{Treas. U.S. Min.}
Richd. S. McCallister ^{Chief Clerk U.S. Court}
J. R. Eckfeldt ^{Melter & Refr.}
Wm. C. DuBois ^{Asst. Assayer}

James W. Longacre, Engraver

Mint of the United States
Philad. 28th Decr 179.

Visitors may be admitted to the Mint by
an observance of the following regulations, at
the point of the Officers of the Establishment, as
mutually agreed, on this the day.

All persons desirous of visiting the Mint
must make application by writing, or other-
wise, to one of the Officers, stating the name
of the applicant, and the place of residence,
wherefrom the person so applying, shall be
furnished with a printed order of admission,
signed by the Officer to whom application
has been made, the blanks in which shall
be filled up with the date, when the order
is issued, and also fixing the day and
hour when the persons are to be admitted.
(The form of the order to be as follows)

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia 18

Admit Mr _____ to the Mint
to witness the operations in progress, in the
different departments, ON _____ the _____
between the hours of 9 & 12 o'clock, A. M. & C.

As the _____ or _____
Conductors.

Notice to be placed on the Mint door
from 9 to 12 o'clock every day.

By order of the Secretary of the Mint.
Persons to the Mint, cannot be admitted, except
on application in writing, stating name and

residence & when practicable with letter of
introduction or personal reference, to a
Citizen, by an order signed by an Officer,
assigning a time for such visit.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Feb. 23, 1859.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., in which you propose a design for a one dollar gold coin, to be composed of a disk of gold enclosed in a circle of steel.

Your plan is virtually the same as one recently executed in England, except that in this the ring is of silver and not of steel. This, I must candidly say, ^{a better arrangement} I think ~~less objectionable~~ than that which you have ^{proposedly} suggested, ~~in which I consider both of them~~ as ~~presenting so many objections that they ought not to be substituted for the coins of gold alone.~~ while I consider both of them as presenting serious objections.

I thank you for your ingenious suggestions together, though I cannot think that it ought to be substituted for the coins of gold alone.

R. M. P.

Charles D. Sterling, Esq.
New York.

Bank of America
February 2^d 1849

Dear Sir

This morning my porter
left at the Mint two parcels, one
gold bullion, the other, foreign coins,
for coinage, and brought but one
Certificate for the whole. As the bullion
belongs to the State Bank of North Carolina
at Fayetteville, and the coin to this
Institution, I shall be at a loss what
sum to credit, unless they are separately
assayed. I will be obliged by your
having them separated, and two
Certificates of assay issued, as it
is our custom to forward the Certificate
of assay from the Mint, to our
Correspondent.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Hockley Cashier
Bank N.C.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23. July 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

*James R. Snowden Esq.
Appt Secy*

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

W. J. Mincks
Philad^a Feb. 22, 1849.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge
the rec^t of your order in my favor on
the Collector of the Ins^r for \$153.50, being
in full of a/c. rendered 8th ult.

I have the honor to be

Very respec^t

Yours O^bd^t Serv^t

(signed)

James Ross Snowden
Theas^r

W. J. Mincks
(Hon. Robt. Wacker
Secy of Treas^r)

Dr. M. M. Patterson Director of the
Mint I enclose a specimen of Mineral
found on my place in a large
~~very~~ quantity, which I want you
to examine to ascertain the true
quality of it if gold send me a state
not of the same to Mifflin County
Newton Hamillan also the true
value in its present state that
is in the ore yours &
Feb 21st 1849 Alex Hamillan
Esq

Scaly Red Oxide of Iron
or Micaceous oxide of Iron

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.

February 21st 1849.

Sir:

Your accounts of Copper Coinage,
for the 3^d & 4th quarters of 1848, have been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$ 4,131.84 stated to be due from you to the
United States.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. C. C.

Comptroller.

James R. Snowden Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint,

Philadelphia.

Mont. U. S. Phil. February

Dear Sir,

On reviewing our accounts an error was found which was finally traced to the statement of the funds of your deposits made on the 13th ult. The amount was in consequence of an error in subtraction, set down as \$7009.50, and this sum was paid to you. It is now found that the true amount due to you was \$7099.50, being a difference of \$90; which will be paid to you on your application at the Mount.

R. M. P.

Cassius M. F. Stickney.
385 Belmont St.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a February 21. 1849.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit
to you the enclosed certificate of the Directors
of the Mint, in reference to the suspended
item, therein mentioned.

With the highest respect
I am, Sir,

(signed) J. Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

Hon. J. W. McCulloch
1st Comptroller of the Treasury

Unit of the United States

Philadelphia, Feb. 21, 1847

I have before me a communication from J. W. McCulloch Esq., Trust Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, in which he presents the adjustment of the accounts of James R. Smiley Esq., as Treasurer of the United States. In this statement there is the following entry:

"Amount paid George W. Edelman, 4 quarters 1847, for extra services, as ascertained from a statement that he was appointed by the Director, with the approbation of the President of the United States."

\$1100

I therefore, hereby certify, that, at the period in question, George W. Edelman was a Clerk in the United States, appointed by me, with the approbation of the President of the United States.

(Signed) R. M. Patterson

Director U. S. Mint



No 264 Broadway N York
20th February 1849

Sir,

Herewith I beg to submit to your inspection a design for a one dollar gold coin as exhibited by the accompanying sketch

The plan consists of a disk of gold inserted in a steel ring, and stamped like any other coin but so that a portion of each one of the letters may fall both on the gold and on the steel.

The advantages of this method would be

- 1st To make the piece of any convenient size without lowering the standard of the gold.
- 2^o It would have a peculiarity readily distinguishing it from all other coins.
- 3^d There would be an increased difficulty in counterfeiting or mutilating the coin, and nearly impossible of to replace the gold with a base

as the parts of the lettering could not be made to correspond, as in the true coin.

4th The process of milling would be dispensed with

5th And more important than all the other considerations the loss of wear & friction, while the objections seem to be only that of a slight addition, say five per cent to the expense of coining — and the unequal wear of the dies, and the piece would not have the clear ring of a solid gold coin.

I am sir very Respectfully

Yours Obedient Servant

Charles W. Stearns

To the Superintendent of the
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.

February 20th 1849.

Sir:

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses, from
the 1st of October 1847, to the 1st of October 1848,
have been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance
of \$26,509.65 stated to be due from you to the
United States.

Balance per your accounts \$ 3,509.65

Add,

Am^t paid George W. Edelman, 4th q^r. 1847.
for extra services - Suspended for evidence that
he was appointed by the Director, with the
approbation of the President of the U. States 100.00
Warrants not credited viz:

N ^o 5814	dated 24 th October 1848.	\$ 2100	
" 6235	" 29 th November "	2000	
" 6534	" 22 ^d December "	16800	
" 7206	" 25 January 1849	2000	22,900.00
			\$ 26,509.65

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt^l Serv^t

Wm. A. R. Smith

New Bedford Feb 19. 1849.

W. M. Patterson Esq
Philadelphia.

Sir

Allow me to introduce to
your acquaintance Oram Thompson Esq M.D., who will
hand you a letter from Hon W. J. Wallcut sent me
through the Hon Joseph Grennell M.C.

I am at the head of a joint stock company of fifty persons
going to California in the Ship Mayflower from this
place. I deem it of great importance, that one, or
more members of our Association should have the knowledge
to assay, refine, and put gold into bars of U. S. Mint
standard.

Dr. Thompson is a man of great
integrity of purpose. Any information imparted to him
that may be compatible with the regulations of the
U. S. Mint, will confer a great favor on your

Yours
O. S.
C. S. Randall

Dear Sir

The bearer of this is Mr Charles
A. Mason of this City a gentleman I have
known for many years and who seems to be per-
sonally known to you.

I commend him to you con-
fiding and knowing him as a man worthy of confidence

Yrs. truly
J. Page.

Dr. Rob. M. Patterson.

Supr. U. S. Mint

Feb. 19. 1849.

New York Feb 19 1869

41 Wall Street

Scott Edelman Esq.

Sir,

Delivered to the
agents of Messrs. Lumsden & Co., bag
containing various coins for assay
at the United States Mint, the agent
instructing the same understood us
to say E. M. & Co., instead of
our firm. The agent also marked
the bag by that name.

Respectfully Yours,

E. M. & Co.

I received the above mentioned bag of coins and upon the
above statement to be correct.

Washington City, July 18, 1879

My dear Sir,

I have fully succeeded in having my
account settled. The Mt. Comfort has decided
the question in my favor and the Secretary of the
Treasury has approved the disbursements. I remain con-
tinuous to see the forms properly gone through
with. Not having occasion to call upon the
Secretary, Mr. Walker, I enclose your letter.

I expect to be home on Wednesday,

Very truly yours,

Samuel R. Chandler

D. R. M. Patterson

Lincoln U.S. Mount.

Ap^l Tr Office Feby. 7th / 49
Mr. E. Hobbs
acting Tr.
U. S. Mint

Sir I have this day paid
Adams B^o two hundred &
thousand dollars as per your
order, and being the amount
of transfer draft No. 766 drawn
in favor of the Tr. of the mint
Philadelphia. Please acknowl-
edge the receipt of the money.

Yours &c
Wm. B. Rogers
Ap^l Tr.

Copy made

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
February 17, 1859

Sir,

In compliance with your request that I would present my views upon the claim of James H. Gordon Esq, Treasurer of the United States Mint, to be allowed credit, in his account with the United States for so much of the sum of Twenty three thousand two hundred and thirty eight dollars and thirty one cents, part of the fund applicable to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the Mint, which sum was ascertained and reported to you by Mr. M. Patterson Esq, Director of the Mint, on the 5th January 1858, to have been embigged by Randall Hutchinson, Clerk for the Treasurer, as has not been hitherto recovered, to wit: the balance of Sixteen thousand, one hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty one cents, which with the sum of Two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars, surrendered by said Clerk as money of the United States at the island of St. Thomas and restored to the Mint by J. M. Pettit Esq, District Attorney of the United States - and the further sum of Five thousand dollars, paid to the Mint by J. P. Burlington Hutchinson, security on the official bond of said Clerk to the United States, the jointly thereof - will account for the whole sum of Twenty three thousand, two hundred and thirty eight dollars and thirty one cents, embigged as aforesaid. I have now the honor to state, that the amount of Sixteen thousand and eighteen dollars and thirty one cents claimed by the said Gordon should be allowed to him in adjustment of his account as Treasurer of the Mint, by charging Randall Hutchinson

thereinto in the books of this department, being
this sum, as part of the fund applicable to the
payment of the ordinary expenses of the Mint,
was (in obedience to regulations prescribed by
R M Patterson, Director of the Mint, in the
exercise of the discretionary power vested in him
by the 1st Act of the 2^d Sec. and the 3^d section
of the Act of Congress supplementary to an Act
entitled An Act establishing a Mint and
regulating the Coins of the United States, approved
18 January 1837,) placed actually in the possession
and under the special charge of said Hutchinson,
in a separate chest, of which he kept the Key.

And that the said Treasurer is entitled to
credit not only equitably but lawfully for the
above mentioned balance of money sixteen thousand
and eighteen dollars and thirty one cents as it has
been legally placed in the hands and under the
control of another officer, (see Section 2^d of the
aforesaid Act), — one who was appointed by said
Director, with the approbation of President Van Buren
(see Section 3^d of the Act), — and who, as a clerk of the
Mint, before he entered upon the duties of his
office, took an oath, before Jos Hapkinson, Judge
of the United States Court for the Eastern District
of Pennsylvania, faithfully and diligently to
perform the duties thereof, (see this Section IV),
and became bound to the United States with
sureties to the satisfaction of Secretary Woodbury
(see this Section V), in the sum of four thousand
dollars.

From what has been stated you will perceive
that the regulations made by the Director of the
Mint, in the exercise of authority conferred on
him by law, which prescribed the duties of said
clerk and placed the fund applicable to the
payment of the ordinary expenses of the Mint

in his hands, were made long before Mr
Snodden became its Treasurer. And you will
find when you shall refer to the letter that was
addressed to you by the Director, on the 5th day of
January 1848, in which he announced the aforesaid
embiggliment to you, — and shall read a letter
that he addressed to me on the 20th day of said
Month, with reference to said embiggliment in
reply to mine of the 17th day thereof, also the
evidence given, at the trial of Randall Hutchinson,
as detailed in Minutes furnished by J M Pettit
Esq, District Attorney assigned by the said Director
and by Isaac Roach Esq, the immediate predecessor
of Mr Snodden, — that the said fund was not
only quarterly but at the close of each month,
examined and compared with the account thereof,
kept in a book of the Mint provided for that
purpose, that such examinations were deemed
all sufficient by the Director to insure the safe
keeping and faithful applications thereof, — and
that at each of said examinations, the said fund
was found to have been so kept and applied,
until the examination which occurred shortly
after the close of the 4th quarter of the year 1847,
the same having been delayed a few days by the
escape of said Hutchinson, who took with
him the aforesaid Key, and until he returned
it, as he did from New York.

In view of the facts and law above mentioned,
I do not doubt that Mr Snodden is justly
entitled to the credit which he claims, for the
sum of sixteen thousand and eighteen dollars and
thirty one cents, the unrevoked balance of the money
embigglied by Randall Hutchinson as aforesaid in
the adjustment of his accounts. — and I shall
propose to give it without delay, unless you shall
see and state good and sufficient cause for

its being any longer with held -

With great respect

Your Obedt Servant

Wm Caldwell

Comptroller

Wm H. Walker

Secretary of the

Treasurer

Report to the Secretary of
the Treasury - on the
of James H. Walker
Treasury. The which - for
Credit is by account, & the
amount of the amount
balance July 16, 1878 $\frac{31}{100}$
of the fund employed by
Reuben H. Walker, a
Debt of the which -
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of the Treasury
Comptroller
Walker, Secretary
July 16, 1878
Walker in the Treasury
being presented by the
per Comptroller
Signed W. H. Walker
Aug. 16, 1878

U. S. Mint,
Philad. Feb. 16th, 1849.

Sir,
I have this day received from you
Treasury transfer drafts, No. 766, in my favor,
on the U. S. Treas. U. S. at N. York, dated 13th inst.
for Two Hundred thousand dollars, payable
in foreign gold coin, which I have sent for,
in the usual manner, and when received
will place to your credit on the books of the
Mint.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. Dill

(signed) J. R. Snow
Treasurer
for Wm. C. Dill, Acting Treasurer

(Private.)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1849.

Dear Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mint, - Col. Snowden, -
with the purpose of urging upon the Department
the settlement of his accounts remaining unadjusted.
In this condition are the 3d & 4th quarters of 1847, and
the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th quarters of 1848, of the ordi-
nary accounts; and the 3d & 4th quarters of 1848 of
the Copper and Bullion accounts.

I earnestly join with Col. Snowden in desiring
the adjustment of these accounts. We are careful and
prompt in presenting them, and it is painful to us to
remain so long in uncertainty as to their approval
at the Department.

Very respectfully,

Your friend and servant,

R. M. Patterson.

Wm. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
Feb. 15. 1849.

Sir

Enclosed you will find an order
in the Collect of Philadelphia for \$153.50 being one
half of the expense incurred in the transportation of
foreign Coins to the Mint for recoinage - as appears by
your a/c received at the Department.

I am very Resp^l

P. Mack

Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. Saunders Esq
St. Louis.

Yale College. Analyt. Laboratory
New Haven Feb 14 1849

Dr Robert W. Patterson

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia

My Dear Sir

This note will be handed to you by Mr Wm H
Hayden of Haysville Ms and a graduate in the last Class from this
College. Mr Hayden has lately for a few weeks been in this
Laboratory assaying gold & silver under my direction and in
general by the routine process of the Mint although he has
also worked somewhat in the wet way as well as by the cupel
process. I am happy to say that I believe Mr Hayden to have
acquired a very creditable degree of skill in the delicate art of
assaying accurately. I believe that he can now go forward with
suitable apparatus being at results which will bear comparison
by more experienced analysts. Mr Hayden is bound for San Fran-
cisco he visits Colorado however with very different objects
from those of the gold hunter. He is connected with an enterprising
Company of French Capitalists who are sending out from his village
a coining apparatus and all the apparatus to set it in motion.
Mr H is to act as Assayer & Director of this new mint. It is
their object to issue a coin of uniform value (say $\frac{1}{100}$) of the
same denominations as our own & to give it as high a character
for trustworthiness as possible. How strange a anomaly of the
Law which permits this assumption of sovereignty by individuals
but so it is - I have felt ambitious since our national countrymen

Mint U.S. Philad. Feb. 13, 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Commission who were engaged yesterday & at the annual assay at the mint. You will see that all the members were present, - that the investigation was conducted with great care, - and that the results were satisfactory.

Rm-D

W

By

Am. R. J. Walker, Sec. of Treas.

Treasury of the United States
13 February 1849.

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you Transfer
draft N^o 766, in your favor on the Asst. Treasurer U. S.
New York for \$200,000. payable on demand in foreign
gold coin, which you will please pass to my credit,
on Bullion account.

Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
W. J. Kim
Treas. U. S.

Treasurer U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
February 13. 1879

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States has, this day, been instructed to issue a transfer draft for \$20,000 - on the Asst. Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint - payable in foreign gold coins.

As the Department may find it necessary to draw on the Mint, in the course of a few days for a similar amount in American Gold coins - it may, perhaps, be desirable to have the recoinage effected at as early a period as may be.

I am very Resp^l.

R. Maclean

Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
February 12th 1819

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst is received and the error to which
you refer properly noted - The accounts to which you have
called my attention for immediate settlement I have the honor
to inform you are delayed in consequence of the Comptroller of
the Treasury not having acted upon the accounts of previous
Quarters

Respectfully
Yours Obedient
W Collins
1st Auditor

To
James Keay Treasurer of the
Treasury of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Mint,
Philad. Feb. 10th 1849.

Sir, I herewith forward you
the "weekly statement" ending this day,
showing the state of the Bullion and
public moneys deposited in the Mint, by
the Treasurer of the U. States, with a cancelled
voucher.

Very respy.
Yours ob. servt.
(signed) Geo. R. Snowden
Treas.

To
Wm. Seloe Esq.
New York

U. S. Mint, Feb. 7, 1869.

Dear Sir, I rec^d. this morning a letter from the Sec. of the Treas., authorizing me to pay from the ordinary fund of the Mint, the deficit of \$50³/₁₀ as stated in my letter to you of a former date and which arose from the fact that the South American doubloons did not yield as much as you had stated them at.

I have thought it proper to inform you that the deficiency has been made good, so that you may be put to no further inconvenience in reference to the matter.

In order to avoid any further difficulty I would suggest that there is a difference in the fineness of the S. A. Doubloons, many of them are below the fineness at which they are stated - the act of Congress I will furnish you with a particular statement on this subject if you desire it.

Very truly
Yours

(Signed) Jas. R. Snowden

Treas.

W. L. Merrill
Philad^a Feb^y 9, 1849.

Sir,

In my Bulletin Ap^r, for the 4th Dec^r of the last year, a slight clerical error inadvertently escaped my notice; to which I wish to call your attention.

You will perceive by reference to Abstract No 5, ~~as added~~ "Gold Bullion deposited for coinage", that dep^t no. 754 is entered as of the Stand. wt. of ^{on. den} 9.965, and by comparing the wt. with the assayer's report of the same number, you will find that the Stand. wt. is 9.685; the value being correctly stated, this discrepancy of course appears only in the column for the weight, viz the balance for of the ap^r which is \$235,477.10 ~~should have~~ for its equivalent Stand. wt. 12,656.893 instead of 12,656.993. Will you have the kindness to regard this correction in making your report on my ap^r.

I take this occasion to invite your immediate attention to the schedule of my various ap^r not yet reported on.

They are as follows.

Ord^y Ap^r. for 2^d & 3^d Dec^r 1847 and the whole of 1848.
Copper & Bullion Ap^r. for 2^d & 3^d Dec^r 1848.

Very res^{ly}

Wm L. Merrill

Wm L. Merrill

W. S. Mint,

Philad^a Feb^y 9th 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th inst, in-structing me to transfer from the contingent fund to the bullion fund of the Mint \$50 ⁵⁹/₁₀₀ being the amount of deficit in the payment of a Treasury transfer draft, in foreign gold coins. In conformity with these instructions, I have made the requisite transfer, crediting myself on the ordinary ~~account~~ ^{drafts to the \$50 ⁵⁹/₁₀₀} and debiting myself for the amount of the Treasury drafts in the Bullion a/c.

I beg leave to call your attention to my letter of the 8th ult to the department, en-closing an a/c for the ^{cost of} transportation of foreign coins to the Mint and the profits on reconveyance showing a balance due me from the U. S. Notes of \$153.80.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt

Sam^l Rept newdth

Wm Robt. Wallingford

Treas. &c.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8, 1849.

Dear,

Your letter of the 4th inst. ~~had not~~ came into my hands till yesterday, and for the information which you ask I ^{now} present the following facts. Statements

1. The coinage at this Mint in 1847 was \$4,368,986. This is by far the greatest amount that has been deposited, and yet it does not reach the capacity of the plant for coinage, but ~~for coinage~~ in any year. The coinage required and executed, ⁱⁿ for the last year, was but \$3,265,138.

2. Of the amount received in 1847, there was sent, on
Governor's Account, under the act of Feb. 9, 1793, \$7,597, 806
from New York, and \$1,587, 033 from Boston.

3. These sums were carried by Adams' Express.
The expense of transportation hither, ~~and~~^{for interest} the return, was paid
on \$8,000 of the amount above received, and the
\$4,985.82 ^(interest) was returned. The ship cannot transport this sum,
~~but may pay it, \$779.00.~~ The balance was four drafts
drawn ^{from} the bank for cash from Boston, New York, and
Baltimore, and returned, have for many years been almost
exclusively entrusted to the Express Line, and not a single
instance of loss has occurred to my knowledge.

\$12,101,800, and the total cost was \$5,474.80

4. When the ^{public} deposits of public money gold and silver, authorized by the 31st Act of the 1st Act of Jan. 18, 1837, is of a liberal amount, the delay of payment to the depositors need rarely extend beyond the time required for the assays, which is generally on the ^{second} day following that on which the deposit is in coins of a well ascertained value, the return may be made on the same day.

5. I cannot pretend to give an estimate of the cost of a Mint at New York. ~~It~~ ^{They} should be at least upon as large a scale as that at New Orleans, and the appropriations made for the building, machinery and fixtures of that Mint, prior to its commencing operations, amounted to \$312,000. The building is of brick, without architectural pretensions, on the lot on which it ~~was~~ ^{is} situated one presented for the purpose by the City.

6. For the ~~probable~~ ^{annual} expense of a Branch Mint at New York. The average of the annual appropriations for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the last ten years, is \$55,305.

R. M. P.

Hon. George D. Dallas,
Vice President of the Mint.

(Confidential)

Mont U. S. Feb. 5, 1849

Alfred,

You will see by the enclosed letter, that I have answered your note of the 4th inst, by laying before you a number of statements which bear directly upon the subject, but the inferences from which I have left to you. They are evident and conclusive. A Mint at New York would not cost less, with the lot on which it would be placed, than half a million; and its annual expense, after put in operation, would not be less than \$60,000. Moreover, it is not needed. The Philadelphia Mint can coin all the bullion that is likely to come to New York and Boston, including the gold that may reach them from California. If the only expense that would be due to depositors, by a mint at New York, - namely the cost of transportation to and from the Mint here, - should be complained of, let the Government pay it. It would be a trifle, as you will see from paragraph 3 of the enclosed letter.

RmB.

Hon Geo. M. Dallas

Notes as to the increases of Office Business

U.S. Mint.

A comparison of the gold deposits received and paid in the first and 4th quarters of 1849 and the first q^r of 1850 exhibits the following results.

Gold Deposits Received	1st q ^r 1849	4th q ^r 1849	1st q ^r 1850
At gold deposits received	226	1157	1492
do paid	215	822	1275

~~The following statement shows that gold~~

The gold deposits & payments of silver are of the ^{usual} ~~usual~~ amount & number.

	(3 weeks)	
all m. Gold & Silver Depos. of 1847		1302
	1548	1102
do 1st q ^r 1850	1849 *	2989
	1584	1584

* 9 1st months of 1849 deposits are 1888

2147
2244
2989

Mem. for the Directors

Gold & Silver ^{deposits} in 1847	1302	on deposits numbering	1828
do in 1848	1102	do " "	1559
Total in 1847 & 1848	2404	" "	3387
do in 11 mo. of 1849	2416	" "	3171

From this statement it appears that the number of ^{gold & silver} deposits made in 11 mo. of this year was more than the whole number in the two years 1847 & 1848, and that the ^{gold & silver} deposits stand of deposits was very nearly so. As a necessary result, the labor in paying deposits, in preparing blanks for the assay reports, & in depositing memorandums, and in the accounts and abstracts sent to the Dept., has been continually increased in the like proportion. But, in fact, the office labor is increased in a proportion of which the mere increase of deposits affords but a partial measure. Of for the greater part of our deposits are now made in California gold & most of them contain a sufficient proportion of silver to be reported for the benefit of the depositor. When in this is the case a calculation must be made, first, of the amount of stand? gold & its value, secondly of the amount of stand? silver & its value, 3^d of the charges for paying them & for the silver & copper alloy used in preparing them for ^{coinage} ~~mint~~ ^{mint} lastly, of the net amount payable to the depositor. The labor in calculating the value of a portable deposit is therefore at least three times that for one not portable, in which the standard & value of but a single metal are to be determined, and no deductions are required. It is necessary, also, for the security of the depositors & the public that these calculations ~~be~~ ^{be} quickly verified, and necessarily no deposit is paid till the Treasury Office Clerk & the Directors

click down shall have than a correspondence.
His ^{great} ~~immense~~ labor of calculation combined with the increase in
our deposits 15.04

His ^{great} ~~immense~~ labor of calculation combined with the increase in our deposits P^{c} or

our departure 14. 04

Treasury Department
Feb 26. 1879.

Sir

A letter has been received by the Department from the Asst. Treasurer at N. York (enclosing one addressed by you to that office) in relation to the deficit of \$50,391.00 in the payment of a Treasury Transfer draft in foreign gold coins.

It is understood that there has been a gain on foreign gold coins heretofore transferred to the mint for coinage - and it is therefore considered as reasonable that the Hd. Quarters suffer the loss in this case as they had the benefit of the gain - and that it should be paid from the contingent fund of the Mint.

I am very Resp^{ly}

Wm. R. Snowden
Asst. Sec. of the Mint

B. MacKa
Sec. of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
Washington City
February 5th 1849.

Sir

Enclose to you the copy of a letter from
the Hon Joseph Ginnell, addressed to me, request-
ing permission for Ezra Thompson to be per-
mitted to witness the process employed in
assaying gold at the Mint - I hope you
will give him such facilities as may be
compatible with your views, and in acc-
ordance with the regulations established
for the Government of the Mint -

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt

R. M. Patterson

S. R. M. Patterson
Director

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia
Penn^a

Wash. D.C. Feb. 5/49.

Dear Sir,

In your letter of the 3d inst., you ask me whether the gold coins now authorized are frequently counterfeited, and if so whether they are of the smaller or larger denomination. It is not in my power to present any statistical report on this subject, which comes ^{more properly} under the view of the law officers. Counterfeits are, however, occasionally brought to the Mint for examination, and they have been generally easily detected, some of them are so skillfully executed as to be very dangerous. They are imitations both of the half and quarter-eagle, but I do not recollect to have seen any of the eagle.

You also ask whether my views as to the change of gold dollars have undergone any change. In my letter to you, of the 26th ult., I stated, that, of the objections which I presented against it, in my communications of the 20th of Jan. and 23d of January 1844, one only had been removed, namely that which was founded on the credit of silver over gold offered for coinage; yet that I was not disposed to interfere with the measure now. ~~The only for this change seems to be so general, that I cannot go further than this. The calls for this coinage seem to be so general, that I suppose they must be abundantly supplied with.~~

R.M.P.

Sr. M.

Wm. J. A. King, Esq.
House of Representatives.

House of Representatives
Jan 20 - 1849.
Feb. 3, 1849

Mr. P.

Will you be good enough to inform
me whether the gold coins are authorized as
legally convertible or not - & if
yes are there counterfeits of the smaller or
larger denominations -
In the meantime while I recd. from you
a few days ago, you did not inform me
whether you view with disfavor of gold
dollar pieces had undergone any change.
as early as can be ascertained.

With great respect

J. S. R. King

Mr. Patterson Esq

Confidential.

My Dear Sir,

I really cannot discern the wisdom or expediency of a Branch office at New York, and feel convinced that if it be established, we shall soon see the small quelling Philadelphia.

General or national, Good is with me, however paramount: and if you know any valid reason for what I can't but call that removal from it, let me be indulged with them at your earliest convenience. The matter looks at if it would be subjected to the casting vote. I am immovable to the measure, but a sound reason from you will convert me.

Sincerely & respectfully yrs,

C. M. Bakhal

4. Feb. 49.

Dr. W. M. Patterson.

Mont. Wt. P.M. Feb. 3/49.

Dr Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 1st inst.

I write by this mail, to the Secretary
of the Treasury, to ask his authority to be
given to you for the construction of a balance for
the *Miller & Refiner* of the *United States*.

R.M.T.

Dr.

Prof. A. D. Bruce.

Sup. Wt. S. Mason.

United States Mint,
Feb. 5. 1849

My dear Sir,

It is considered very desirable
and important, that an accurate
statement, for weighing gold and
silver in the Mint, and the United
States Office, be furnished to that Office
as promptly as possible.

Although such an instrument
may be made in the machine shop
of the Mint, it could only be done
with considerable delay, because the
greater portion of the time of the ma-
chine must necessarily be given
to matters more immediately con-
nected with the business.

It is, therefore, respectfully suggested
that, if upon conference with the
Superintendent of Weights, Measures,
and Standards, you find it practicable

that such a balance can be properly
and conveniently accounted in this
office at this time, ^{request that} you will be
kind to authorize its construction
from the contingent fund of the
mint with a view to the funds,
which may be necessary.

~~For the amount of \$100,000
and this amount to be paid
(it will not be accepted by the
mint) and because the proceeds
of the construction of the mint
balance to the amount of \$100,000
and this amount to be paid
and that the request is for
the mint only the amount of \$100,000
and that the request is for
the mint only the amount of \$100,000~~

Very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. M. Smith
Director

At. Tr. Office Febry. 2^d / 49
J. R. Browder Esq
Tr. of the Mint St.
Sir

Yours of the
25th ult. was received by our
convey of Mail, as is also yours
of the 1st Inst.

The coin to which you
refer in yours of 25th ult. as
being short was received from
the Collector of this port, to whom
your letter was submitted.

Our joint consultation
resulted in a letter to the
Secy. of the Treasury, and
I have concluded to defer a
reply until I hear from
him.

Yours &c.
Wm. B. B. Jr.
At. Tr.

U.S.M. Feb 2, 1849

A. Aranguren Esq
Sir

Enclosed you have memorandums of the gold deposited in your name on the 30th ult. I am sorry to say, that it will not justify your expectations, as you observe in your letter, that the dust was "said to be of superior quality." Although gold dust is ^{generally} ~~always~~ too deceptive in appearance to be judged of, merely from its colour or condition, yet I feel bound to inform you, that this lot presented the greatest contrast, before and after melting, of any that we recollect to have seen; being of a rich gold hue in the grain, ^{but} ~~and~~ remarkably pale in the bar; so much so, that a silver parting is reported.

Very respectfully yours &c

R.M.P.

A. Aranguren, Esq

W. J. Mint,
Philad^a Feb. 11 1849.

Dear Sir, I beg leave to call your
attention to my letter of the 25th ulto, and
would be pleased to hear from you on the
subject at your earliest convenience. The answer
is rendered the more necessary from the fact,
that I make weekly reports to the Treasury
Department in case the amount deposited
on account of Bullion funds is changed by
transfer drafts or otherwise.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t
(Signed) James Ross Snowden,
Treas.

Hon. W. C. Bunker
Asst. Treas. U. S.

Draft

Westbury, N.Y.
Washington, D.C. 11/1/1897

Thank you so much for the duplicate receipt
from the Post Office.

I have written a letter to Mr. C. C. Calkins to say
that if you apply to the Treasury Department to have the
balance which he owes me, I have no doubt the
amount will be paid.

Yours very respectfully,

Wm. L. Calkins S. D. Bach.

Wm. L. Calkins

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a. March 31st 1849.

Sir, I herewith forward you,
the "quarterly statement" ending
the day showing the state of the Bullion
and public money deposited in the
Mint by the Treasurer of the U. States.
I enclose cancelled voucher No. 772

Very respectfully
Yours &c. &c.
(Signed)
James R. Snowden
Treas.

Wm. Selden Esq.
Treas^r of the U. S.
Washington

Boston March 30th 1849

To the Director, ^{U.S.} Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir

Please deliver to the order of Mr.
E. S. Sanford, agent for Adams & Co's Express Philadelphia
the Coin, when ready; for the two Boxes of California Gold
marked HAP forwarded to you on the 27th inst from Boston, the
same referred in my letter to you of the 28th inst. to be conveyed
to me; please deliver one half of each Box at a time &
that, on following days, at some of the parties interested
wish me to order it in this way, only one half ~~may~~ only
may be at risk at one time.

Your Humble Servant

James H. Russell

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

29 March 1849.

For:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

*James P. Shouder Esq -
Comptroller of the Mint U.S.*

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Merchant, N.Y.

Posta Mar 29, 1857

Sir

You will receive by Hamden's Express one box
marked "United States Mint Philadelphia" containing
1,557 ^{ex. 20} 7/8 California Gold.

Respectfully to transmit
per mail a certificate for the same, in favor of the Mint.

It is desirable to have the four lots kept distinct,
as per Invoice enclosed. - Should prefer to receive for
the amount \$15,000. in 10 Eagle

10,000 - - Eagle & the balance in Gold Dollars
and Double Eagles. You will however consult the Commission
of the Mint.

I will thank you to advise me when the
coin will be ready, and cause a Statement of the
proceeds of each lot to be delivered to the party
presenting the Certificate.

I am Sir, Very Respectfully

Wm. Patterson Esq
Director
U. S. Mint, Phila

John J. May

Boston March 28th 1849

To the Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Sir

I sent on to your Mint yesterday
two Boxes of California Gold, marked HAP and
HAP, containing about \$665 worth of assayed gold
and returned to me by Adams the Express from the place
the two Boxes have each separate bill of ounces and
I have request of you the favour to cause them to be
examined and assayed separately, as if there is gain or
loss on either I wish each bill of ounces to show their
respective shares of such profit or loss.

Please send in return for this gold, Eagle, half
Eagle, and every five Quarter Eagle, and oblige

Your very Humble servant

James Munroe

Mint of the United States.

Philad. March 26, 1849.

Sir,

The ore which you sent, in your letter of the 16th inst., is the ^{mineral} substance named Iron Pyrites, and is a combination of iron and sulphur. It is of all the substances mistaken for gold, the most common and the most delusive. It is of no practical value.

~~I am not acquainted with a chemist named Campbell at present, but the circumstances~~

There is a Chemist in this city named Campbell at present, and he is a gentleman of good standing in his profession.

Very faithfully yours,

R. M. P.

D.M.

Mrs. Saml. A. Bunker.

Berlin,

Holmes Co.

Ohio.

W. S. Miners
Philad. March 26/1849.

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst.
is recd. The only manner in which
I can furnish the small silver coins
you desire, is in payment of silver bullion
or foreign silver coins, which you may
deposit for coinage.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.

(Signed) J. Ross Snowden
Treasurer

D. P. Phelps Esq.,
Syracuse, N. Y.

U.S. Mint,
Philad^a. March 24, 1849.

Sir, I herewith forward you
the weekly statement ending this day
showing the state of the Bullion and
public moneys deposited in the Mint, by
the Treasury of the U.S.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^t Serv^t,
(signed) James R. Snowden
Treasurer.

Wm. L. Gold
Secy. U.S. Treasury
Washington

United States Mint,
Philad^a. March 24, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of
the 22nd inst. I learn that the Half Bushel
Standard measure was, by the direction of
the late Secretary of the Commonwealth
delivered to Christian Mason Esq, Registrar
of Weights and Measures. His residence
is at the corner of 13th and Filbert
Streets in this City.

I am with much respect
Yours &c &c Sir,

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

A. L. Russell Esq
Depy Secy. of the Commonwealth.

Treasury Department
March 22 1849.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. with its enclosures, respecting the coinage of double eagles and gold dollars.

It is undoubtedly necessary that the weights of the new coins shall "bear the same proportion to their nominal values that the weights of the existing gold coins do to theirs," and, therefore, the weights proposed by you viz, for the gold dollar "25 grains & 8 tenths" and for the double eagle "516 grains" are adopted.

The size of the coins - 1.32 in for the double eagle and 0.5 in for the gold dollar as well as the devices, as submitted by you, are also approved.

I am very respectfully
Yours &c

W. M. Meredith

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

Treasury of the U. States
March 22. 1849

Sir

I have this day issued a transfer Draft on you, Vix.
No. 442, in favor of the Treasurer of the U. States, for \$200,000.
payable on demand.

I am respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Wm. B. Fisher

Treasurer U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia

State Department
Washington March 23rd 49

New York N. Snowden

Dear Sir:

The Commissioners of
Green County have made application
to this Department, agreeably to the Act
of 15th April 1845 for a copy of the Original
Standard State Budget -

The same Act provides
for the safe keeping of such Original Standards
in the cases prepared for that purpose in the
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Having understood that the State
Budget Standard was, some time since,
transmitted to the Mint at Philadelphia,
I am directed by the Governor to request
you to have it returned to this Office -

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

W. L. Russell

Copy sent to Govt.

Wm. L. Smith
Treasury of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

R. R. Office

Syracuse N.Y. 2/15/59

Without knowing upon what
conditions coin can be obtained or exchanged at the
mint, I take the liberty of asking this question of
you. Can I obtain Sevens (\$1000 or \$5000) for
other coin, say Gold - at par? or on what terms?

Your answer will greatly oblige

Yr. Obedt. Servt
D. L. Phelps

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 19, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing a certified copy of the Act of Congress of the 3d inst. entitled "An Act to authorize the coinage of Gold Dollars and Double Eagles."

I observe that in this Act there is no ~~direct~~ ^{express} statement ~~provision~~ ^{as to the weights of the new coins}. In all previous acts regarding the coinage, the weights of the coins are expressly stated, and this was also done in the House Bill, ~~as originally adopted~~ ^{as originally adopted}, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~subsequently adopted~~ ^{and} ~~regarding the Gold Dollars and Double Eagles~~. The standard fineness of these coins is established by the 8th Sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837; and in order that their weights may bear the same proportion to their nominal values, that the weights of the existing gold coins do to theirs, that of the Gold Dollar must be 25 grains and 8 tenths, and that of the Double Eagle 516 grains. In the first Section of the recent act, it is declared that the new coins shall be made "conformably in all respects to the standard for gold coins now established by law." Such is the state of the question regarding the weights of the new coins, and I do not feel myself at liberty to take action in the matter without your direction as to it, which I shall respectfully request. It is a question whether the words here quoted will

authorize the adoption of the weights above mentioned, and on this question I respectfully ask your decision.

The coins at present struck at the mint are similar solids, the diameters being proportional to the cube-roots of their volumes, or (as the metal is the same,) to their values. The diameters of the eagle, half-eagle, and quarter-eagle, respectively, are 1.03 inches, 0.85, and 0.70. To keep ~~up~~ the same proportions, the diameter of the double-eagle will be 1.32 in., and that of the gold-dollar 0.5 in.

The diameter proposed for the dollar gold-dollar is less by one-sixth than that of the half-dollar. This defect of size is certainly objectionable, but it ~~seems to be~~ is a necessary consequence of the small volume of the coin, which is nearly one-third less than that of the half-dollar. If the diameter be sensibly increased, the planchet will be so thin as not to admit of a sufficient depth of impression for effective coinage.

On the face of the gold-dollar it is proposed to adopt a miniature copy of that on the larger gold coins; and our Engraver, Mr. ~~Langaker~~ is now engaged in the making a medallion of a head of Liberty, of which I send a sketch ^{in an enclosed} ~~enclosed~~. From this medallion we can ~~and make a die,~~ which shall be its fac-simile.

On the reverse it is proposed to ^{have} a wreath, with the words United States of America in the border, and the value of the coin ^{distinctly} marked ~~within~~ in the center.

I shall be happy to receive your views upon the subject of this new coinage, and will gladly take advantage of any suggestions that you may make.

The double-eagle must be postponed until the gold-dollar can be coined.

I ^{enclosed} send, besides the sketch mentioned, a specimen of a dollar-piece which was hastily prepared many years ago, when this coinage was first proposed; ~~and~~ also a series of circles marking the diameters of the gold-dollar and half-dollar, and of the double-eagle and half-dollar.

RMP

To
Hon. W. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

P.S. The ^{gold eagle} ~~quarter-eagle~~ sent is of silver gilt.

U. S. Office Mar. 19th /49
J. M. Snowden Esq
Tr. Mnt

This day
paid Adams \$100.00
the amount of a transfer
draft drawn on this office
in your favor

Yours &c
Wm Boyce
Asst. Dir

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a March 17, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the
16th inst, enclosing a transfer
draft No. 770, on the Cas^t. Treas.
U. S. at N. York, in my favor
for \$100,000 payable in foreign
gold coin. I will send for the coin
in the usual manner, and when
received will place the amount
to your credit, in coinage account.

I am very respectfully,
Yours ob^t Serv^t.
(Signed) J. R. Snowden
Chas. U. S. Mint

Wm. W. Alden
Treas. U. S.

Treasury of the U. States
March 16th 1849

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a transfer Draft, viz. \$ 770. on
the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for \$ 100,000. payable at
Philadelphia, in foreign Gold Coin, which sum be please to place
to my credit on your Books, on "Coinage Account"

I am respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

W. J. Linn

Treasurer U. S.

The Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia

Treasury Department
March 16. 1849.

Sir

The Treasurer U.S. has, this day,
been requested to issue a transfer draft on
the asst Treasurer at N. York in favor of the
Treasurer of the Mint for \$100.00 - payable
in foreign Gold Coin - the amount to be transferred
under your direction as heretofore, for recoinage
at the Mint, and to be placed to the credit of
the Treasurer U.S. on Coinage account.

I am very Resp^t

N. M. Washburn
Secretary of the Treasury

D. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Merlin March 11th 1849

Dear

After my compliments to you I would
further say that in Morgan there has been
any quantity of the inclosed substance found
on a certain farm or farms and it is said
to have been examined by the Counciling
Council at the point and wishing to satisfy
myself as I have been solicited to take an
interest in the matter I have concluded to
send some of the par to you wishing
you to make it thorough examination
and due me the favour to write to me
the result of your examination and further
I would just say that by the hand of Moses
Wells he has been a certificate handed to me
one of some methods examined by Council
Wells and Counciling Council this method is
said to have come from Stark Co. Ohio
I would wish to ascertain whether there has
been an examination of this kind made
and whether there is such a person as the
Wells Counciling Council your

Proprietor of Merit Davis J. Prader

P. B. I must give better Merit Holmes Co. Ohio

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
March 16th 1849.

Sir,

You are requested to pay to the order
of the Legal Representatives of William
Hindlay, late Treasurer of the Mint, the
sum of One hundred and four dollars $\frac{39}{100}$,
the balance found due to him, on the
adjustment of his acc. of Ordinary Expenses,
take duplicate receipts therefor, and charge
it your account of Ordinary Expenses, for
the quarter in which the payment may
be made, referring to this letter by date as
your authority for so doing.

Dollars 104 $\frac{39}{100}$.

Very Respectfully
Your O^bd^t S^t

W. A. B. C. C.
Comptroller

James R. Snowden, Esq:
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

30th CONGRESS,
2d Session.

H. R. 746.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 22, 1849.

Mr. ATRINGTON, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill [H. R. 746] to authorize the coinage of twenty dollar and one dollar gold pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches, reported the same with the following amendments:

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of ~~twenty dollar and one dollar gold~~ *dollars* pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches, *and double eagles*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*

3 *assembled,* That there shall be, from time to time, struck and

4 coined at the mint of the United States, and the branches

5 thereof, conformably in all respects to law, (except that

6 on the reverse of the gold dollar the figure of the eagle

7 shall be omitted,) and conformably in all respects to the

8 standard for gold coins now established by law, coins of

9 gold of the following denominations and values, viz.:

10 double eagles, each to be of the value of twenty dollars or

units, and gold dollars, each to be of the value of one dol-

lar or unit.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, for all sums

2 whatever, the double eagle shall be a legal tender for

3 the weight of five hundred and sixteen grains, and

4 dollar coins, of the weight of twenty-five grains and

5 tenths, which coins shall be legal tenders of payment

6 according to their nominal values.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the ab-

2 mentioned coins shall be made, in all respects, in con-

3 mity with the existing laws regulating the coinage at

4 mints, except that on the reverse of the gold dollar,

5 figure of the eagle shall be omitted.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

February 20, 1849.
Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 746) to authorize the coinage of twenty dollar and one dollar gold pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches, reported the same with the following amendments.

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of twenty dollar and one dollar gold pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches.

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2 sentatives of the United States of America in Congress
3 assembled,

That there shall be, from time to time, struck and
2 coined at the mint of the United States, and the branches
3 thereof, conformably in all respects to law, (except that
4 on the reverse of the gold dollar the figure of the eagle

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives

2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That it shall be lawful, henceforward, to n

4 at the mint and its branches, twenty dollar gold coin

5 the weight of five hundred and sixteen grains, and

6 dollar coins, of the weight of twenty-five grains and

7 tenths, which coins shall be legal tenders of paymen

8 cording to their nominal values.

1 SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the ab

2 mentioned coins shall be made, in all respects, in con

3 mity with the existing laws regulating the coinage at

4 mints, except that on the reverse of the gold dollar,

5 figure of the eagle shall be omitted.

1 SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That, in adju

2 ing the weights of gold coins, henceforward, the following

2
3 twenty dollars, and the gold dollar shall be a legal tender
4 for one dollar.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws now
2 in force in relation to the coins of the United States, and
3 the striking and coining the same, shall, so far as appli-
4 cable, have full force and effect in relation to the coins
5 herein authorized, whether the said laws are penal or
6 otherwise, and whether they are for preventing counter-
7 feiting or debasement, for protecting the currency, for
8 regulating and guarding the process of striking and coin-
9 ing, and the preparations therefor, or for the security of the
10 coin, or for any other purpose.

1 In the eleventh line of the third section, after the word
2 "double eagles," insert "*two pennyweights in one thou-*
3 ~~sand eagles~~"
1 Title of the bill: strike out all after the word "coin-
2 age," and insert "*of gold dollars and double eagles*."

Sec 4. And be it further enacted that,
in adjusting the weights of gold coins, hence-
forward, the following
deviations from the standard weight shall not be ex-
ceeded in any of the single pieces, namely, in the double-
eagle, the eagle, and the half-eagle, one half of a grain;
and in the quarter-eagle and gold dollar, one quarter of a
grain; and that in weighing a large number of pieces to-
gether, when delivered from the chief coiner to the trea-
surer, and from the treasurer to the depositors, the devia-
tions from the standard weight shall not exceed three
pennyweights in one thousand double eagles; ^{two} ~~one and a~~
~~half~~ pennyweights in one thousand eagles; one ~~per~~ and
~~one half~~ pennyweight ^{half} in one thousand quarter eagles; and one half of
a pennyweight in one thousand gold dollars.
~~and one half of a pennyweight in one thousand gold dollars.~~

~~Sec 4. And be it further enacted, That so much~~
of this act as regards the coinage of twenty-dollar and
one dollar gold pieces shall continue in force, until the
fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty one, and
no longer.

Passed the House of Representatives Feb. 20, 1849.

Attest: THO. J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

approved March 3 1849

Departments of State
March 15th 1849

He is a true copy of the original
H. J. Smith
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8 regulating and guarding the process of striking and coin-
9 ing, and the preparations therefor, or for the security of the
10 coin, or for any other purpose.

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approved March 3 1849

Report of the State
March 15th 1849

He has a true copy of the original
with *W. P. Smith*
S. C. C.

Treasury Department
March 16. 1834.

Sir

I enclose, herewith, a certified copy of the Act of Congress of the 3^d inst. entitled "An Act to authorize the coinage of Gold Dollars and double eagles, and, have to request that the necessary steps may be taken to carry into effect the provisions of said Act.

Before, however, the dies shall be prepared I shall be pleased to receive any suggestions you may have to offer as to the size of the coin and as to the device on the dollar.

I am very Resp^tly

W M Meredith

Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
March 15th 1849.

Sir:

Your accounts of Gold and Silver Bullion,
for the 3^d quarter of 1848, have been adjusted at the
Treasury, and a balance of \$ 537,500.56 stated to be
due from you to the United States, consisting of

Gold Bullion Oz: 13413.93	\$ 249,561.49
Silver Bullion " 56144.453	65,913.54
Gold Coinage	91,016.76
Silver Coinage	131,008.77
	<u>\$ 537,500.56</u>

Very Respectfully
Your Ob^t Serv^t

M. W. Culver
Comptroller

James R. Snowden Esq:
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

West W.S.

Ph. March 10, 1849.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the billow case,
and the communication accompanying them, which I sent to
the Hon. J. S. Winston, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and
Means, which on the 11th of June last, and which you have
returned to me.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Thos. J. Campbell, Esq.
Clerk of House of Representatives.

Minist. of the United States.

March 10, 1849.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst., in which you tender the resignation of your employment as Foreman of the Silver Milling Room, to take effect at the end of the present month, has been duly received and considered, and is now hereby accepted.

In consideration of your long services in the Mint, you have also leave of absence, during the remainder of the month, or any part thereof.

With sincere wishes for your success in the new course of life on which you are about to enter,

I am, very faithfully yours,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Yr

Mr. Robert R. Porter.

U.S. Mint
Philad^a March 9/1849.

Sir, Your letter of the 7th inst. is rec^d.
It will be several weeks before the necessary
arrangements can be made for coining
double Eagles and dollar gold coins.
The officers having that matter in charge
are using & will continue to use their
best efforts to have the above named coins
struck at an early period. If you
send the \$50,000 in foreign gold, I will
furnish the above named coins as soon
as possible, but cannot promise them
for a month or six weeks, perhaps
longer. I can send other gold
coins immediately.

Very respy
Yours obedt serv^t
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Actg. U.S. Mint

Henry Hubbard Esq
Ans^r to New York
March 10/49

Office House of Reps U.S.
March 9th 1849

Sir

I enclose herewith several samples
of coin that were received by Hon S P Newton
Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means
from your office.

I also enclose your communication
to Mr Newton explanatory of the coins enclosed.

Please acknowledge the receipt of
the coins and letter.

I am very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt

Thos J Campbell
Clerk H^o Reps U.S.

N W Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint U.S.
Philadelphia
Penn

San Francisco, California
March 7th 1849

W. W. Patterson Esq

My dear Sir

Permit me to
introduce to your acquaintance
my much esteemed friend
W. W. Yard U. S. Navy, who goes
to your city for the purpose of visiting
the Mint U. S., any kindness
this sent, will gratefully receive, and
duly reciprocated, by yours very truly,

A. J. Smith

Assistant Treasurer's Office
Boston March 7, 1839

James H. Throden Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Sir

Will you please to
inform me if it will be in your power
to return to this office for \$50,000 in foreign
Gold, some of the Double Eagles which are
now to be issued, & perhaps a few of the
dollar pieces; if so I will send to you
per Adams's Ex. that amount.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Henry Hubbard
Assistant Treasurer U.S.
Boston.

No 10. South Street

March 6th 1849

Dear Sir / If you have no
objection I will be much
obliged to you for a
letter as President of the
U. S. Unit speaking in
such terms of James
Fairlie Cooper Esq
Superintendent of Hobbs
Gorge as your official
connection with a man of
whom every man will

There will be a discussion
of a law pertaining
to the matter made to remain
open & I am anxious
to testify in its favor
proper manner -

Very Truly

Yours &c. &c.

Wm. Tyler

Robert M. Patterson Esq
N. D.

W. D. Allen

March 6, 1867.

Dear Sir,
My official position is such
as, in my judgment, to make it im-
proper for me to give an opinion in
the case which you refer to me, without
being asked to do so by the President or the
Secretary of the Treasury. If a question
comes from either of these, it will
give me great pleasure to present my
views as to the merits of the case.

Robert Tyler, Esq.

RMT.

Davidson County
Lexington, North Carolina
March 8th 1849

P. M. Caldwell Esq
Director of U. S. Mint
Dear Sir,

The hope that you may not have forgotten me, encourages me, to intrude myself upon your notice at this time. You may recollect that I came to this part of the country a few years ago, in company with Mr. Sam. P. Griffith; as Assayer and Refiner to the Washington Mine. I continued in that capacity until the close of last year, when I left the service. I would now offer my services to you, as a practical Refiner &c. if you have any use for me, in any of the Mints established, or about to be established (California & New Orleans excepted). Instead of employing the kind offices of friends to speak to you in my favor, I have thought proper to rely, upon your own recollection of me, and upon such testimony of my character, as can be furnished from this country, if required.

I have been married some three years, to a Southern Lady, but would prefer a residence in the North from prejudices in favor of educating my family in a free state.

I am, most Obedt. Servant
Geo. Griffith Jr.

W. L. Webb,

March 31, 1899

My dear Sir,

I hereby tender you my resignation
of my employment as foreman
of the above mentioned room, & to be
effective at the end of the present
month.

Very respectfully,

W. L. Webb

D. H. Webb

Director

Robert H. Webb

Confidential

my dear Mr. Brewster I hand to you two
Letters of Resignation one of them the form which
would be suited to the case of my leaving at the
end of the present month, and the other a Resignation
to take effect at the end of April. The latter I urgently
request that you will accept in preference to the
former, in which I Resign conditionally only and
only in case you cannot grant my Request
for a longer time

I have no other Request to make, in every
other respect I submit without murmur to the
sever trial that has come upon me, and in view
of & my long and hitherto ~~an~~ unquestioned
~~fidelity~~ fidelity I feel that my Request deserves and
will receive your most favorable consideration
very respectfully

your obedient servant

Mr. W. M. Patterson

Robert B. Porter

Director

Dear Sir, Any indulgence which you
might exercise of all the circumstances of
Mr. Porter's case you can accord to,
this will gratify me. I am, however,

submit his case entirely to your
judgment and decision. And feeling
confident that you wish to do all
you can for him, I do so in perfect
reliance on your decision, it
will receive my willing acquiescence.

Yours truly
Wm. Patterson

London, England
March 14th
1842

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the case of the late Mrs. Patterson, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
Wm. Patterson

M. W. P. March 2, 1849

Sir,
In reply to the question asked in your
lecture of yesterday, I have to state that
copper is not received at the mint on
deposits for coinage

Rm
L

James R. Langton Esq

New York March 1. 1849.

Dr. Paterson.

Director of the Mint.

Will you inform me if you coin
Copper for citizens, and if so on what terms.
Your answer by return Mail Care of Houghton & Co.
will much oblige

Yours Respectfully

James A. Langdon

Mont W. S. Phil. Mar. 1, 1849

Sir,

Your letter was received this morning with the package referred to in it.

We have found it necessary to decline receiving jewelry at the Mount, and that part of the package is accordingly returned to you by Mess. Adams. The

The gold dust is retained. It has all the appearance of African gold and is unlike any that we have yet received from Cal. The assay will probably settle the question of identity.

Yr. Rmbr.

J. N. Olcott Esq
New York

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 30, 1869.

Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of the 26th inst., I have to state that the model made for the purpose of excavating the dies for the ^{first} medals voted by Congress to Major General Taylor, remains at the Mint, and will serve for making the dies for the Indian Medals. No portrait will therefore be required, if the head on the medals referred to ^{is} satisfactory.

The cost of the Presidential series of three medal dies, for the Indian ~~Defeat~~ Medals, has been \$800. If the model in one hand be added, that cost will be added to about \$740.

R. M. P.

Sr.

Wm. Medill, Esq
Office Indian Affairs,
~~Indian~~ Department
of the Interior

W. L. Meigs

Philad^a April 28. 1847.

Sir, I herewith forward you
the weekly statement ending this
day showing the state of the Bullion
and public money deposited in
the Mint by the Treasurer of the
U. States.

Very respectfully
Yours
(signed) James R. Browder
Treas.

Wm. F. Elder Esq.
Philad^a.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23 April 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James M. Snowden Esq
Wm. Thos

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Miss Rebecca Esq. A. York N.Y.

Dear Madam

I have this day by Kennel
express a Box of Gold Dust and
to contain 363.02 1/2 Dwt 12 Grains of
Troy weight - This belongs to Mr. H.
Mason Esq. of Boston & he requests
that you will deliver him the
value of it as soon as it is convenient.

Yours very truly

J. Perkins

New York, April 29th 1854.

W. H. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We beg to forward you by "advice"
Express a box containing Gold dust which you
will please to keep separate from what we forwarded
yesterday.

You will please receipt to Adams & Co. & deliver
the coin to them with certificates in our name
of weight & value as soon as convenient.

We remain your respectfully,

Ever & truly
J. C. Smith

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, April 23, 1869.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 20th inst., enclosing a draft on New York, to my order, for \$500, for which you wish to have silver quarter-dollars, and you ask me to place it in the hands of some one that will attend to the matter. For this purpose I have seen the ^{principal} ~~headman~~ of the house of Lutton, Beake & Co., and they agree to furnish the coins at half-per-cent ^{premium} ~~discount~~, and they will take charge of the business and ^{procure} ~~procure~~ ~~procure~~, for which also the cost will be deducted. As soon as they are able to furnish the quarter-dollars, I will hand over to them your draft.

Yours very respectfully,

R. M. Patterson.

W. H. Jones, Esq.

Cashier of Bank of Cape Fear.

Raleigh N. C.

U. S. Mint,
April 23d. 1869.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st
inst. is received, and I have this
day rec'd in Adams & Co. Express,
the amount of gold coins therein state-
ing of the value of \$125,000.

Very respy,
Yours &c &c &c
(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

Wm. F. Bouché Esq.
Care of the Mint
N. York

April 23. 49

To Dr R M Patterson

Sir

I am indebted to you
for your past kindness to me
yet I would remind you of the
promise you made last summer
when I asked you to advance my
wages 10 cts per day I do hope that
I may be put upon the same level
and footing as those you have
advanced who perform no more
labour than I do

I allude to Mitchem 44.20
Wells and Rickard 45.90

Doctor I do hope
the above request will
be met with at the end
of the month

Eps Jacobs

New York April 23rd 1849
A. U. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

Herewith inform you by Adams & Co
Exempt a Bag containing Ten packages Gold Dust
Marked and Numbered as follows Viz.

Lot
No 1 E & B #102 Two packages 1 lb each Gold Dust = Separate Value requested

No 2 P.D.G. #1 One packy Gold Dust = Separate Value requested

No 3 P.D.G. #2 One packy Gold Dust = Separate Value requested

These three lots belong to different interests which obliges
us to ask you to keep them separate -

You will please report to Adams & Co and deliver
the Coin to them - with a Certificate made in our Name
of Weight & Value as soon as convenient

We beg to remain

Very Respectfully

Yours Truly
J. B. Covert & Bro.

New York 23rd April 1849

R. M. Patterson, Esq^r
Director U.S. Mint
Philada

Sir

By Livingston & Co Express

I send you this day a package to your address,
contg four packages of Gold Dust, viz together
104 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz said to be of very superior quality -

C & A #1 @ 3 Three Packages viz 90 oz

R. " 1 - One Do - " 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ 104 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz

I will be obliged to you to have them coined &
return the proceeds by them who are authorized
to receive the same, on my account, as soon
as practicable.

As they are two different parcels, I
beg of you to hand them two separate certifi-
cates of weight and value in my own name
viz. One certificate for C & A #1 @ 3 - Three Packages
One Do - " R. " 1 - One Do

I remain, Sir, respectfully
A. Aranguen.

Ap. St. Office N.Y. Ap. 21/49
J. M. Snowden Esq
St. Mint

Si I have this day
paid Adams Co. as per your
order a transfer draft drawn
in your favor for \$125.00

Yours R. H. C.
Wm. B. Rogers
Ap. 21

U. S. Mint,
Philad. April 20. 1849.

Sir, Your letter of the 19th inst, is
received, enclosing transfer draft no. 781,
on the Assistant Treas: at New York,
in my favor for the sum of \$125,000
payable in foreign gold coin. I have
employed as usual Mess. Adams & Co to bring
it to the Mint, and when received will
place it to your credit on Bullion Account
as requested.

I am, Very respectfully,
Your obdt Servt

(signed) J. Ross Snowden,
Treasurer.

Wm. Selden Esq.
Treas. U. S.
Washington

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston April 20th 1899

James B. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Sir

Coins of the 18th inst. is
at hand, contents noted.

As I have now on deposit
between nine & ten hundred thousand dollars,
and no large drafts to pay, it seems to me
that it would be better to leave one hundred
thousand dollars at the Mint, at least for the
present, in hopes that you will be able to furnish
the amount in Double Eagles, before it is wanted.

The remaining seven thousand dollars you can
send on, as soon as the \$5000 in Gold dollar pieces are
prepared, making out the balance with small change -
and eagles.

I have in the Vault nearly \$100,000 in
Half Dollars & my object in getting the Silver dollars
was to satisfy several U. S. Paying Agents, who prefer
them to the Halves - there are scarcely any dollars
in this city.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Merry Hubbard
of Sec. S.

Bank of Cape Verde
Racine, Wis. (a)
20 Sept 1849

Dear R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Phil?

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my
check for Five Hundred Dollars, on New York, I
want the worth of it in quarters (silver) deducting
your charge, insurance & freight, if not a good one
for you or any officer of the Mint to attend to
it, please hand it to some one that will,
direct the package to the Care of Martin F.
Dannan, Petersburg Va, by Adams Express

Yours Respectfully
W. M. Malone
Cashier

Treasury of the U. States
April 19th 1849

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a transfer Draft, No. 781,
on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for \$125,000, payable
at Philadelphia in foreign Gold Coin, which sum be pleased to
place to my credit on your Books, on "Bullion Account"

I am respectfully

Yours Obedt Serv^t

Wm D. Miller

Treasurer U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint

at Philadelphia

Mint N.Y. Phil. April 19/49.

Sir,

In reply to the inquiry made in your letter of the 17th, I have to state that copper is not received at the Mint in deposits for coinage, but is purchased for that purpose; and the law requires that it be "in the form of planchets, fit for passing at once into the hands of the Chief Coiner."

R.M.R.

Thos. L. Breagard Esq
N. Y.

U. S. Mint, Phila. April 18. 1879

Sir,

I have received per Adams & Co.
the amount of gold and silver bullion
noted in your letter of the 16th inst.

I regret I cannot comply with your
request in relation to the double Eagle and
gold dollar. They have not yet been opened.

I hope from what I learn from the
operating officers that the gold dollar
will be coined in a few days, and that

it is ~~possible~~ probable that I can ~~not~~ furnish
you with \$5,000 as ^{per} requested by you.

As to the double Eagles
I can form no opinion when they will
be coined, and I would ~~not~~ regret

that you had ~~not~~ better receive the
amount in Eagles until the coins of
your office will allow a long interval

~~before~~ you receive the coin of your office

and the receipt of its value.

I can comply with your request as to the Small Silver Coins; but shall be unable to make the exchange which you request of Silver through the medium of the pieces in my hands as specified herein, inasmuch as I have no Silver dollars, and but a small supply of half dollars on hand.

Very Respectfully
your Obedt. Servt.

James R. P. Chandler
U.S. Mint

Treasury Department
April 18. 1849.

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States has
this day been requested to issue a transfer draft in
favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philad^a on the
Assistant Treasurer at N. York - payable in foreign
Gold Coins. The amount to be transferred under your
direction for Recoinage at the Mints. The draft will be
for \$125,000 - 5

I am very Resp^t.

W M Woodh

Sec of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Philad^a

Am Soc. April 17 1844

Direct. of the
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Will you please
inform me what one of the charges of day
for minting cents from copper, for circulation
and what is the kind of copper demanded
for such currency

Wm. West
Am. Mint
Thomas S. Prayman &
Barber & Mott

To—
William Winter
New York

U. S. Mint, Phila. Pa.
April 17, 1849.

Dear Sir—

In reply to the inquiry made in
your letter of yesterday, I have to state
that the Mint does not receive copper
from depositors for coinage, but that the
copper is purchased and that it must be
(according to law) in the form of
planchets for passing at once into the
hands of the Chief Coiner.

Respectfully
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

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New York April 16th 1849.
Honored Sir

I have on hand a few
hundred pounds of Copper in an
unadulterated state which I would
like to have coined in Cents. You
will please be kind enough to
inform me how to proceed: and
give all information relative
to the matter which might be
necessary.

And much oblige

Your obedient Servant

Wm. Winter

N^o 10 Beekman St.

Assistant Treasurer's Office
Boston April 16. 1899.

James H. Garfield Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Sir

I send this day by Adams the Express
one hundred & seven thousand dollars (\$107,000) for coinage - viz

Gold	English	97,786.10
"	French	3,759.80
"	Old American	2,879.43
"	Spanish	1,470. -
"	Portuguese	452.92
Silver	Mexican &c	535.50
"	Five francs	116.25
		<u>\$107,000.00</u>

I should like for the above, five thousand Gold Dollars,
& the remainder of the Gold in Double Eagles, unless you
can through your office as Assistant Treasurer Exchange
two or three thousand dollars for Silver Dollars.

The Silver I send I should like returned in small
change - say \$500 in Dimes & the remainder in Half Dimes.

If the Double Eagles & Dollars are not yet ready
you will please keep the amount sent until they are.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the money.

Very truly,
Yours

Very Respectfully, Henry Hubbard
Asst. Secy.

U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

April 16, 1859.

To.
Messrs. Howard & Son Company
Boston —

Gentlemen —

I have received this morning your letter of the 13th inst. and am sorry to say that the information you ask for is not in our power to give. The two canisters of gold dust which you sent to us bore the same marks and came from the same house, without additional instructions regarding them; and they, we therefore considered as one lot, and were entered together, melted together, and assayed together. I am glad to see from your own estimates that you had 3 the relative weights, and can thus determine the relative values with, I hope, sufficient accuracy.

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

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Mail } Boston, Apr 13. 1849
Paid }

To the Director of the } Phila
U. S. Mint }

Dear Sir

Will you be kind enough to send us
a mem^o. of the result of the 2 Can-
isters of Gold Dust separately
if you can — Vg

C. H. & Co #1 —

C. H. & Co no No

Taking the 2 together ~~adjoining~~

they give the #1. \$904.79

no No 2394.86

\$3299.65

The above belong to 2 separate
accounts & we wish to ascertain
the exact proportion of each, if
practicable.

Please reply
in return
by mail

Very Respy,

Howard, Son & Co

New York Apr 18/49

Sir

At the request of Dr W. F. Fernald
I have secured for last three packets of
packages containing the scales, and for-
warded them to your Adm. H. Express
this day

I am

Very respectfully

Yours truly
Seth B. Brewster

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Marsh
Phila.

United States Mint,
Philad^a April 11th 1849.

Sir, Your favor of the 9th inst. is
received, enclosing a form of a sum-
mary statement of the operations of the
Mint, which I will with great pleasure,
in compliance with your request, use in
my future quarterly accounts of the
transactions at the Mint.

I am with great respect
Your obt^d serv^t

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Hon. J. N. McCallister
1st. Comptroller &c. 3

Philadelphia April 9. 1849
To Robert M. Patterson,
Superintendent United States Mint
at Philadelphia.

Sir,

We the undersigned, residents of
the City of Philadelphia, having known J. D.
Brashear, also a resident of Philadelphia,
for many years, and having confidence in his
integrity and qualifications: and believing he
will exert himself to fill his place and to give
satisfaction, do respectfully recommend him
to you, Sir, as a proper person for a clerkship
in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

If you shall deem it proper, Sir
to give him such situation, you will confer
a favour on us, your fellow citizens.

Henry J. Pepper W. J. Boswell & Co. Secy.

Wm Neale	Wm. J. Boswell & Co. Secy.
J. Cappington	Wm. J. Boswell & Co. Secy.
Nobas Reed	Wm. J. Boswell & Co. Secy.
Henry Bond	Wm. J. Boswell & Co. Secy.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
April 9th 1849.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a form
of a Summary Statement of the operations
of the Mint, which you are requested to
render, in future, with your accounts of
Gold & Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.

M. W. Bushell

Comptroller

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Phil. April 9, 1849

Robert M. Patterson

President W. S. Mint at Phil.

Sir

Allow me, if you please, to lay before you the accompanying paper, and to apply for the place therein named, or any other, you may please.

Such are my present circumstances, that it is absolutely necessary I should find some engagements. Fifteen months ago, (about) I resigned the place of Grammar Master in Walnut Street School, to engage in another business: but Providence not opening the way, I removed to Wilmington Del. and attempted a Young Ladies Academy in that place, which proving not very successful, I returned to Phil. last Dec. and have been pursuing business ever since, but without success.

I have some family, Mrs. B. and five children, and would be ^{thoroughly} thankful for some place of employment to afford me a support for them.

The names on my application are good witnesses of the truth of the above, and the number could be greatly increased, if required. I can give any amount of security.

Very respectfully

J. D. Brashers.

W. S. Main,
Philad^a April 9th 1849.

Sir,

I have rec^d the Spanish
Coins referred to, in yours of the 4th
inst^d and I enclose a memo-
randum of their value as you request.

On official business, please address
the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c &c &c
(Signed) Jas. R. Snowden
Treas.

W. C. Cramback Esq.

Philadelphia and Lackawanna
Coal Company
Capital \$200,000
Shares \$20.

To be organized under the general incorporation law
of the State of Pennsylvania, passed April 7, 1849, and
Supplements thereto.

It is proposed to purchase an anthracite coal
estate in Lackawanna Valley, Luzerne County, Penn-
sylvania, consisting of about 130 acres of the best
quality of coal land for the sum of \$50,000. Ten
Thousand dollars to be paid down, and the balance
in four equal payments, with interest at 6 per cent
per annum, in two, three, four and five years from
the date of the execution of the deed to the company.
Two years is thus given to make the second payment.

Under the above tract of land lies about 6,552,000
tons of the best quality of anthracite coal. It is of
the same variety as that known in the market as
Pittston coal. The land lies contiguous to the land now
owned by the Philadelphia and Pittston coal company,
and is an undivided half of a tract of land which Prof
H. F. Roberts, Geologist of the City of Philadelphia
and Benjamin Sedgwick Mining Engineer of Scranton
Pa. examined and made a report on, dated April
1855, in which it gives the following facts respecting
the quantity &c of coal contained in the land. They
are both gentlemen of high attainments and great
experience in anthracite coal mining and are

well qualified to speak authoritatively on the subject.

Extracts from Report of Messrs Roberts and
Mudham

"Description of the coal seams descending

No. 1 This is the upper seam on this tract. The coal
is of a very good quality and underlies the
whole lot. It will work out 6 feet of clean
coal, and produce 9,600 tons per acre. The
130 acres yielding

1,248,000

No. 2 This is the large vein of Pittston and is extensively
worked in the neighborhood. It is an excellent quality
of coal and underlies the whole tract, and will work
out of clean coal 9 feet. Producing 14,400 tons
per acre and yielding on the 130 acres

1,872,000

No. 3 This vein is being mined in many places, in
all of which it proves of very superior quality. It under-
lies the whole tract, works 7 feet of clean coal
and produces 11,200 tons per acre, yielding on 130 acres

1,456,000

No. 4 This vein is worked at Sumner and proves of
excellent quality. It covers the whole lot,
produces 9,600 tons per acre. Yielding on 130 acres

1,248,000

No. 5 This vein is also being mined at Sumner and is
of the same quality as No. 4. It covers the
whole tract, works 3 feet of clean coal,
produces 5,600 tons per acre, equalling on 130

728,000

No. 6 This vein is generally too thin to be worked during
the present century.

Total tons on 130 acres 6,320,000

From which deduct 20 per cent for mine waste & support

1,264,000

leaving clean merchantable coal when properly prepared

5,056,000

From which deduct 20 per cent for mine work support 1189,260
Leaving clean Merchantable coal when proper adjustment 1,557,440

"The lot of land extends about 125 rods on the Lackawanna River. The half of the front adjoins the pier of the feeder dam of the North Branch Canal. This pier has eight feet of water and is therefore of ample depth for any amount of shipping. The Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Rail Road is within forty rods, affording a channel to ships by Rail Road if deemed advisable. The canal however is most convenient and affords every facility that could be desired. The lot is most favorably situated for mining purposes, occupying the center of the great Synclinal axis or basin of the folds, which position would enable all the coal on the lot to be mined from one opening.

The quality of the coal is the same as that mined at Pittston, being of the hard variety of anthracite, suitable for the manufacture of iron and good for domestic uses."

The proper method of opening the coal on this lot would be by sinking a shaft; but the No. 1 vein can be worked by a tunnel on a water level. It is estimated that an expenditure of \$200,000 would enable the company to ship coal from vein No. 1 and that an expenditure of \$1,000,000 would open the second or Pittston vein and enable the company to ship from 75 to 100,000 tons per annum.

To purchase this land and develop the coal it is proposed to organize the above named company, under the general mining law of Pennsylvania and the supplements thereto, with a capital of \$200,000, divided into shares.

off 20 each, as follows: Each subscriber may subscribe for as many shares as he may desire and pay down \$100 per share for each share so subscribed for. When the stock viz 10,000 shares is all subscribed for, the sum of \$1,000,000 will have been raised and the same shall be paid on the property. The land will then be deeded to the company, subject to mortgage for balance of purchase money. Subsequently it is proposed that there shall be an assessment of \$1. per share to enable the company to make the necessary improvements and preparations for vigorous mining operations. By the time \$400,000 shall have been expended and on the opening of lane navigation the ensuing spring, it is expected that the company will be able to commence shipping coal, and as no further disbursements are to be provided for under this plan it is confidently believed that the balance due on the land can be paid from the profits of mining, and that within three years from the present time the company will have their property and ~~land~~ improvements clear and a mining capacity of 100,000 tons per annum, and thereupon realize dividends of from 10 to 15 per cent per annum. For proof that these expectations are reasonable, it is sufficient to refer to the fact that coal delivered in the boat at the shore office of the land will bring \$1.50 at least per ton, and from 50,000 tons thus delivered the sum of \$75,000 would be realized.

It is impossible to set forth fully

boat at the port or feeder of the canal will
bring \$150 at least per ton, and from 5000 tons
thus delivered the sum of \$750,000 would be
realized.

It is impossible to set forth fully

the advantages of the situation of the
land in question for the mining and ship-
ping of coal. It is known confidently to be
unimpaired in its location and that
the statements & calculations herein set
forth are based on facts, and will bear
the closest scrutiny.

Philadelphia & Lackawanna

Coal Company

Capital \$200,000

Share of \$20 each.

We the subscribers desirous of organizing a company under the
general mining laws of the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby agree to take the number of shares set
of the Philadelphia and Lackawanna Coal Company with a Capital of \$200,000
divide into shares of \$20 do hereby agree to take the number of shares set
of \$20 each, and pay down one dollar on each share for
each share so subscribed, to be paid into the hands of Hon. James Woodhull
The same to be appropriated to the first payment on the land, said land
being purchased at the rate of \$2.25 per acre. When the first payment is
made the land is to be deeded to the Company subject to mortgage for balance
of purchase money, and receive a Certificate for the number of shares subscribed
subject to assessments to pay balance of purchase money and make improvements.

Sam. Rob. Snowden	Five hundred shares	500
H. R. Linderman	Five hundred shares	500
S. Vixen	One thousand	1,000
Isaac P. Post	Five hundred	500
James G. Gibson	Five hundred	500
Edw. H. Davis	Five hundred	500
C. J. Evans	Three hundred	300
Christian Reber	Two hundred & fifty	250

Yours Mr.	one hundred shares
Geo. Meyer	one hundred shares
+ J. Vivian	five hundred shares
Geo. H. Childs	Two hundred shares
Geo. H. Childs Jr	one hundred shares

W. C. Snyder	one hundred shares
Mr. Gordon	one hundred shares
L. C. Zimmerman	one hundred shares
John C. Rile	fifty shares
Wm. H. Boyd	fifty shares

John Cary	one hundred shares
James McSwain (250 sh)	Three hundred & fifty shares
Geo. E. Childs	one hundred shares
Samuel S. White	one hundred shares

Wm. A. Brown	one hundred shares
A. B. Miles	fifty shares
Geo. W. Wiseman	fifty shares
Morgan Orr & Co	Two hundred & fifty shares
W. H. Henney	fifty shares 427-874-0
J. W. Massey	fifty shares 439-2000
Jos. C. Castello	one hundred shares
Mrs. Phillips	one hundred shares

Chas. B. Hare	fifty shares
John R. McQuady	one hundred shares
Geo. Meyer	one hundred shares
William Cogswell	fifty shares
Ditto	fifty shares

Jos. C. Castello	one hundred shares
John Lettingill	one hundred shares
Wm. A. Brown	fifty shares
M. R. Mosley	fifty shares
Chas. Murphy	fifty shares

W. Johnson	25	Shares
Joseph M. Maly	500	Shares
Nathan Wells	100	"
S. M. Drury	100	"
M. Poine	100	"

William J. Deane Twenty five shares

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a April 9th 1849.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 6th inst.
addressed to Mr. Edelman, a clerk
in the Mint, has been put in my hands.
In answer to your inquiry, I have to
state that the payment of your deposits
was not made from coin manufactured
from California gold. If we have coin
on hand, I pay whatever the value of
the deposits is ascertained, and any
other course would result in great
delay to depositors.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient^{ly}

(signed) James Ross Snowden
Treas. U. S. Mint.

Messrs. Reed, Wade & Co.
Boston.

Boston April 6th 1849.

J. W. Selman Esq
Treasury Mint
Philad

Dear Sir,

A few days since we
received by Adams & Co. Express a Package containing
\$1123.85. as return for a bundle of California gold
sent by us to the Mint by that Express.

There being some considerable injury
made to ascertain whether the returns made are
coined from California gold or other bullion. you
would greatly oblige us with the information
whether the coin received by us was coined
from California gold or not.

We remain Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servants

Gold & Silver Co.

Assured that the
return to our gold
paid in California

Post Office

Walt. Apr. 4th 1849

My Dear Sir, I have sent to the Mint
by Adams the Express a bag of Spanish
coin - will you have the goodness to
send me a Memorandum of its value
when ascertained. It will be deposited
in the hands of Jas. M. Lockman
Very respectfully
Yours M. Lott
Colonel Lockman

Prof. R. H. Caldwell
Chico, Pa.



Treasury Department

Post Auditors Office

April 4th 1869

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
the Chief Cashier's account of Copper for 1st Quarter 1869

Respectfully

Yours at t. servt

W. Collins

1st Auditor

To

James Ross Snowden Esq
Brasserie Mount
Philadelphia

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Min't of the United States

4 April 1849

Sir, In the absence of the Mint I am unable
to enclose you with a receipt for your
deposit of California Gold dust, and a mem-
orandum showing the value thereof.

Your telegraphic despatch in relation to
this deposit has been just received, and a re-
ply transmitted. The reason the receipt was
not before sent was that we supposed that
it was your wish that the memorandum should
accompany ~~the same~~. ~~Very respectfully~~
~~Yours very truly~~

The coinage of gold dollars and double ea-
gles will not be commenced for some time
yet. We can consult your convenience in re-
spect to the Eagles and $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagles.

From the proceeds of your deposits there
will be deducted ninety five cents the charge
for returning an answer to your telegraphic
despatch.

Very respectfully

R. Patterson

Assistant Clerk

Frankfort 24th Sept 1849

Honorable Sir

I beg leave to enclose herewith, copy of several certificates of a young German who is now engaged in the mint as engraver and who desires to go and to the U. S. provided he could find there a similar employment. As several new branches of the mint, being erected, I thought I might venture and recommending the same, and with much pleasure, forward to the same any proposition your Honor may consider fit to make. I avail myself of this opportunity, to tender the assurance of the highest esteem and consideration, with which I have the honor to be

Yours very obed^t servant

Chas. Crabe

Ch. Crabe

Thos. A. L. Patterson

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

U. S. Mint, April 3, 1849.

Sir,

I enclose to you the
Chief Coiner's account of Copper,
which should have accompanied
the account forwarded to you
yesterday.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient

(signed) James Ruf. Snowden
Mint.

Wm. Collins Esq
1st Auditor of the Treasury

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
April 3^d 1819

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bill for Copper & ordinary Expense Account for the Quarter
ending 31st March 1819—

Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servant
W Coelins
1st Auditor

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Unit
Philadelphia

United States Mint,
Philad^a April 2^d 1849

Sir, I herewith forward you,
the accounts of the operations of the
Mint for the quarter ending
the 31st day of March, 1849, which
I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully
Yours &c &c &c
(signed)
Jas. Ruf. Snowden
Treas.

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1st Auditor of the Treasury,
Washington

United States Mint,
Philad^a April 2^d 1849.

Sir, I forward you herewith,
the quarterly accounts of the ordinary
receipts and expenditures of the Mint
for the quarter ending the 31st day
of March 1849, which I hope you
will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t
(signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treas.

Wm. Collins Esq,
100 Market St. N.Y.
Washington.

New York April 30th 1849

A. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director U. S. Mint Phila.

Sir

By Livingston & Co. Express
I recd the memorandum of the ~~four~~ packages. For
Dut I sent you 28th Inst, & the proceeds, \$1,038.18⁰⁰
as per your certificate, was paid to me by the above
mentioned express. By my letter, I requested you
to have the goodness to send me two certificates
but only one come for the whole four packages.
As they are different owners, I beg of you again
to make two certificates in my own name, viz
One for ^{CIA 1.} $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ Three Packages with weight &
One for $\frac{1}{3}$ One do value.

Be pleased to excuse so much trouble &
believe me, Sir, your obt. servt

A. Aranguen.

Recd

New York 30th May 1849.

G. R. M. Patterson

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

My dear Sir

It is a matter
of some interest for me to know the average output
of California Gold, as compared with Mexico weight -
in other words. What is the net result at the mint,
both in the value of California Gold for Mexico - and
how the weight usually holds out with the Mexico.
These are facts you no doubt are in possession of,
and if consistently with your position you can answer
the enquiries, I should esteem it a great favor. But
I trust you will not hesitate in being very frank
with me, should any objection present itself to your
mind. I should also like to know how the

results of the different kinds of gold such as
the - Dry diggings - Wet Diggings - Feather River -
Tule River - Middlefork & Mormon ^{Country} ~~Blau~~ - Some
of these are said to be much finer than others.

I am glad to hear of the safe arrival of my
good friend L. Farnham at San Francisco - no
letters have been received from him but the mail
is on the way.

Very truly yours
Geo. L. Serrinall

E. C. B. P.

Treasury Department
May 29, 1829.

Sir

The changes, as suggested in
your letter of the 28th instant, to be made in the
tariff of charges at the Mint, to depositors of
Bullion for coinage, are approved.

I am very Resp^t.

W. M. Meredith

Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Wm. A. S. Phil. 27 May 1849

Sir,
The deposit referred to in your letter of the 25th was received yesterday, and a receipt sent to you by Adams' express line. I now send you a memorandum of the proceeds.

The demand upon us for gold dollars is so great that we cannot make your payment in that coin without some delay, but it will not be more than a week.

Rm. P.
S

Wm. A. S. }
High W. Greene Esq }
N. S. S. }
Norfolk Va }

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston May 26. 1849

Sir

Yours of the 24th inst. has been received
& in reply I acknowledge the receipt of \$5000
in Gold Dollars & it will be full as agreeable
to me to receive lots of that amount whenever
you may find it convenient to send them.

On the 15th inst. I forwarded by Adams
\$400 four hundred dollars in silver & at the same
time wrote you a letter requesting in return
\$250 in Half Dimes & \$150 in Dimes, as you say
nothing in yours of the 24th inst. with ^{it} & as
I have not heard of its receipt, I take this oppor-
tunity to mention the fact & say that we are
almost entirely out of Half Dimes.

I am Sir

Very respectfully

Wm. A. L. Smith

James M. Howard Esq.

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Henry Hubbard

Asst. Treas. U. S.

Mr. S. M. M.

Philada May 26. 1849

Sir I herewith forward you
the "weekly statement" ending this day
showing the state of the Bullion and
public money deposited in the Mint by
the Treasury of the United States.

Very resptlly
Yours old servt.

(signed) J. R. Shreve
Thos.

Wm. Selden Esq.
Thos. M.

U. S. Mint
Philad^a May 26. 1849.

Sir, Your letter of the 24th inst.
is received, and also Mr. Adams & Co
the amount of transfer drafts \$101,782
& 783, being \$200,000. in foreign gold

Very truly & respectfully,
Yours &c.

(Signed) J. Ross Snowden
Treas. U. S. Mint

Hon. W. C. Crock
U. S. Treas. Dept.
and N. York.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

26 May 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a mark should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Norfolk, Va May 25. 1849.

R M Patterson Esq

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir - I enclose

herewith a bill of lading for one box forwarded this day to your address by Adams Express, containing two bars of gold, as follows:

No 111 - 510 cast^o } leg 894/1000

" 114 - 948 - " }
1458 " equal to 233²⁸/₁₀₀ Gr of

assayed by "Delaurand", of Valparaiso

Also two bottles of pure gold, as follows:

1 bottle said to contain 97.819^o Troy

1 " " " 30

127.19^o "

To be coined into one dollar gold pieces - and a separate account rendered of the value of the bars from that of the grains.

Yours truly
M. L. C.

please acknowledge the receipt of the
box, and inform me how soon the
value of its contents will be ready for
delivery to my order.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Hugh W. Greene
Ad. May

As the freight on the box is paid

Ministry of the United States

Philadelphia, 24 May 1849

Sir,

Your letter of a later date, asking me to send you \$25,000, in gold dollars, is received. I regret I cannot at once comply with your request. The demand for these coins is very great, and up to this time I have only received from the Chief Coiner \$94,000, - but a large amount are in process of completion. I send you to day, per Messrs. Adams & Co., \$5,000, and will, as soon as possible send you the balance. Perhaps I may have to send it in parcels of \$5,000 or thereabouts, if that will suit your convenience.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

Wm. Henry Mallard
Asst. Treas. U. S.
Boston

(signed) James Ross Snowden

Pres. U. S. Mint

Ap: Tr. Office N.Y. May 24/69
J.M. Snowden Esq.
Tr. Mont. & State

Sir I have this day
paid as per order to Adams St.
two transfer drafts drawn in your
favor on this Office for two
hundred thousand dollars
Please to acknowledge
the receipt of the transfer

Respectfully I am
yours &c
Wm. C. Rogers
Ap: Tr.

Providence May 24. 1879

Dear Sir

We send per Hamden this
express today Four hundred & fifty Passports to
your address for coinage into Gold Dollars.
We received your favor & am pleased to hear
that we could have them returned within a
week. Please take a receipt from it by which
you return same & forward it to us & by so
doing will much oblige

Yours very Truly

F. & A. C. Mearns

Please acknowledge receipt of remittance

The Gold Dollars - How to get them.

Leave a petition on the counters of the
Newspaper offices in Boston, New York,
Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington
for signatures - asking the President
to remove the Director of the Mint at
Philadelphia, and to appoint one who
will see the Law carried into effect -

Specie -

Philadelphia May 23rd 1844

To
Edward Sprague Esq
U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Mr. Dykes with his
family desiring to visit the Mint please
pardon this liberty of introducing them to
you with regards and attentions

With much Respect
Yours etc

Henry Pickens

at the Mayor's Office

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23 May 1849.

For:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

W. M. Patterson Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a May 23, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the
22^d inst with the enclosures, stated, viz.
two transfer drafts nos. 782 & 783 for 100,000
each in my favor on the Am^{er} Bank, west side,
payable in large gold coins. I have
this day sent for the amount per Messrs
Adams & Co and who delivered to me
by the, will be placed to your credit
on Bullion Account.

Very respectfully,
Yours to order

(Signed) J. M. Snowden
Treas^r

Hon. W. S. Seldo
Treas^r of the U. S.
Washington

W. S. Miles,
Halsall May 23 1867,
Cleveland, I send you a statement
of the value of your deposits of the 15
inst. The amount will be paid in
gold dollars on presentation of the Mint
receipt with your endorsement.

Very respy,
Yours obt. servt.
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Treas.

W. S. Miles,
Halsall May 23 1867,
Cleveland

Treasury of the U. States
22nd May 1849.

For
I herewith hand you two Transfer
drafts Nos 782 & 783 for \$100,000 each, in your favor, on
the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, payable
on demand in foreign gold coin at Philadelphia,
which you will please pass to my credit in your books,
on "Sullivan account".

very respectfully
your obedt. servt.
Wm. S. Sullivan
Treasurer U. S.

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, May 29, 1849.

Sir,

In the 18th section of the Mint Act of January 18th 1837, it is enacted as follows:

[Here copy the whole section]

In compliance with the provisions, I presented on the 28th January 1837, ^{to the Secretary of the Treasury} the following tariff of Mint charges, which has appeared, in the list of February following.

[Here copy, as enacted, pp. 62, 63.]

Under these terms, our charges have been made, up to the present time. But, now, the results of long experience, — economical changes introduced in ~~the~~ ^{some of the processes}, — and lower ^{prices} charges for materials used — justify ~~material~~ ^{an} change in the system of charges, and such as will be ^{generally} advantageous to the depositors of bullion for coinage. At my request the important matter has been thoroughly examined by the Assayers of the Mint, and their

investigations have led to the tariff of rates ^{proposed}
~~present~~, and of which I respectfully ask your
approbation.

By comparing the present change with ~~the~~
proposed, you will see that the latter are ~~more~~
^{the purpose} ~~less~~. The effect of this change would be ~~the~~
^{advantageous to} ~~beneficial~~ felt by the depositors who present ~~gold~~
~~and silver~~ which bullion of mined gold and silver
which ~~must~~ must be subjected to the process of
^{partial} ~~depreciation~~. All the California gold yet re-
ceived by us, and much of the gold and silver
of Mexico and South America, are of this char-
acter, and to compete for them on equal terms
with the mints of Europe, the reduction proposed
becomes necessary.

R. M. P.

Esq.

Wm. M. Meredith,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Assistant Treasurer Office
Boston May 21. 1849.

James H. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Sir

Will you
send by Adams & Co's Express Twenty five thousand
Gold Dollar pieces from the amount now
at the mint to the credit of this Office.
I find that the demand for them is
very great at this time.

I am Sir very respectfully
Yours Obedt Serv^t

Henry Hubbard
Asst. Tr. U. S.

Sweet child of the W. L.

Philadelphia, May 21, 1844.

Friend,

I have received your letter of the 19th, and find that you have probably before now yourself observed, that you sent to me with Selden letter to you, instead of yours to Mr. Selden. Please to correct this error?

I am much pleased to learn that you are making such satisfactory progress with the choir.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Patterson,
Secy.

C. C. Wright, Esq.
80 Nassau St.
N. Y.

E. M. P.

Treasury Department
May 21. 1849.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the United States has, this day, been requested to issue two transfer drafts of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each, on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia - Payable at Philadelphia in foreign gold coins. The amount to be transferred under your direction as heretofore for recoinage.

I am very Resp^l.

W. A. R. [Signature]
Secy of the Treasury.

P. R. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint - Philad^a

P. The As^t Treasurer's return shows only \$185,000 - he will probably have the bal. by the time the drafts reach him.

Baltimore, May 21st, 1849.

Sir,

We received your certificate, No. 421, May 15th/49.
for Ninety-three and 2/100s. ransom Gold Bullion, which
shall have been coined into one dollar pieces, & delivered as when
ready for delivery.

Yr. Obedt. Servant

Yrs. Very Respectfully

Charles D. DeFord

To the Treasurer of the
Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia.

War Department,
Washington, May 21. 1869

Sir,

I have this forwarded by Adams & Co's Express,
as per receipt herewith a package containing

1 Bar 11.74 oz Gold, valued at \$ 217.10

1 Bar 11.81 oz Gold valued at \$ 218.36

and 10 oz 3 dwts 15 grs Gold dust valued at \$ 183.84

Total Value \$ 619.30

which you will please receive for coinage. The
value of this deposit when ascertained you will
please hold subject to the order of the Secretary
of War for the time being.

Very respectfully

Yours Obedt serv

Wm W. Brewster

Secretary of War

A. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia, Penn^a

I Clean Paint

Embury Port mas May 1/94

James Ross London Ely Pres^t

Sur

I enclose my Obedience

by schooner Empress, Capt Dixon - He will inform you
when he is ready for sea -

Admiring you change of age
 & you will much change

Yours respyt. Mark Lane
Carr.

War Department

Washington May 17. 1849

M^r N. M. Fallston

Inspector of the U. S. Mint

Sir

I will be much obliged to you if you will furnish me with a certified copy of the receipt I gave you on the 17th of January last, when I took the \$8,474.00 - of coined California gold and the two bars - I must return are to the Treasury all that I received - and for this purpose am desirous of a copy of my receipt - Your immediate attention to this matter will much oblige me.

Yours Very Respectfully

J. Campbell

J. Thompson's Exchange Office,
64 Wall Street,
New-York, May 15th 1849

Treasurer Minn. St.

Enclosed is \$1000 Gold
Coins \$1285. by say — Under \$1000
Coins by Adams Express

Rates of Discount on Bank Notes.

EASTERN.....
PHILADELPHIA.....
BALTIMORE.....
N. Y. COUNTRY.....
CANADA.....
OHIO & IA.....
MICHIGAN.....
VIRGINIA.....
N. CAROLINA.....
S. CAROLINA.....
GEORGIA.....
KY. & MO.....
NEW ORLEANS.....
MOBILE.....
TENNESSEE.....

Very Respectfully, Yours,

John Thompson
Per J. M. Nye

Mont. A. S. Phil. May 15, 1889

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst. was received yesterday. You express in it your wish that all the gold deposited by your bank should be coined into gold dollars; or at all events that we should coin as much as we can, and as fast as we can.

We are willing to comply with your desire in either of its forms, but I must tell you that you cannot be paid so promptly in these smaller coins as in the larger. The principal cause of delay is in the adjustment of the planchets, every one of which has to be separately weighed; and if too heavy, filed down to the standard weight, - if too light, rejected.

Under these circumstances, I think it best that we should communicate frequently the subject, from time to time, with you as deposits are made, with Mr. Jackson, of your bank, and can, I presume, always express its wishes.

I cannot join with you in the apprehension that many millions of these gold dollars will be kept out of circulation as trinkets. Like all other new fashions they will have their run for a time, - but it will be a limited one.

Most truly your friend & servant

R. M. P.

Land J. Barber Esq

Remitted to the Conductor of the
United States Mint at Philadelphia
by John M. Secor - May 14th 1849 -

160	Sovereigns	Geo
54	do	vic
214		Dr - Dr
1	half	do

You will please coin them all
into ~~the~~ One dollar pieces
and forward to your obedient servant
John M. Secor

No 417 Broadway

N. Y.

Broker

W. S. Allin.

May 14, 1849.

Mr. Sidore Raphael, (405 Pearl St., N. Y.)
called at the Mint, and said that he had brought
with him to Philadelphia, a ton of copper cut
planchets, which he wished us to receive, at the
rate given to others, and payable in cents.

No order had been given for these planchets, nor
had any even been asked; but it was a speculation
made without authority. The applicant was also
entirely unknown to us. Under these circumstances
the planchets were not received, and Mr. Raphael's
request was respectfully refused.

P. M. P.

W. S. Munn.

Philad: May 12, 1849.

Sir, I received in due time your letter of the 7th inst. I had anticipated your request by forwarding the coin you desired to Adams Co., which I hope came safely there. I lost no time in sending you the gold dollars having sent them the next day after the first delivery was made to me by the Chief Coiner.

In answer to your inquiry, when the double eagles will be coined, I have to state that I can fix no time when you may expect them; they will not be ready for some weeks, certainly not during the present month.

The Engraver is engaged upon the dies, and when he has them made the coin will be struck.

Very respy,

Wm. S. Munn.

(Signed) James R. Snowden
Spec.

Henry Hall & Esq.
(Boston)

New York 32nd May 1899

Sir

Please take us into consideration as we furnish our share in ~~the~~ with the most of the Gold deposited by them for Crinall some are disappointed they have been unable to send us but \$2100 most of which we had to give to our Banks & public officers. This is a matter of importance to us that we should have a further supply. I cannot say I ever approved of the Gov as it will take 5 million of Dollars out of circulation as every man woman & child must have one before they will begin to be used as coin pieces which every Public Officer

in Europe will mark some
they are & will be curioities
for some years - Please say
what the intention of the Govt
is on this subject as we have
ordered all our Gold put into
Gold Dollars - at all events I wish
you ^{would} let our House have as
many as you can for not but
far as you can - I am happy
to say our list is put down

It might have been avoided by
better judgement on the part of
our authorities. This the first
Blood ^{shed} from the military since
the revolution in this City I hope
it will be the last

Please accept my best
Respects & consideration

I am sincerely

yours

Saml. J. Dubu

Genl Patterson

Treasury Department
May 10. 1869.

Dear Sir

I received this morning, the
10 dollar gold coins, for which I return you my thanks.

I enclose a draft for \$50- and if you can send me
40 you will do me a favor - say \$20 at one time.

There is a great scarcity of silver coins in our good City and
the Treasurer wishes to know if he can be supplied with
from \$10,000- to \$20,000- in dollar gold coins - and how soon.

I am very truly &c

Yours

S. M. McKean

J. Prof. Snowden Esq.

St. Mary Philad.

Sent \$40 in gold dollars to

Mr. McKean, to Mr. U. Bowman

of the firm of Adams & Co. and said to
Mr. McK. that he might say to Mr. Alden
that I could send him say 7 or 8,000
gold dollars when he sends me his
draft.

ECP

Treasury Department
May 10. 1879.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of, and to thank you for, the 10. dollar gold coin
enclosed in your letter of the 5th instant - and I send
herewith my check for the amount -

I am very Res^{ly} &c

W. H. Wood

Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a May 7th 1849.

Dear Sir,

I send you to day further
\$100,000 in gold dollars, \$1500
in eagles, and \$500 in dimes, making in all
\$102,000. The remaining \$100,000. due you
will be paid in double-eagles, as soon as they
are coined, in accordance with your letter
of the 20th ult., or at a some period if
desired in other gold coins.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Ewing

(Signed) Wm. B. Ewing
Treasury

Wm. H. Hubbard
Att^y Gen. Boston

Assistant Treasurer Office
Boston May 9th 1839

Yr

When I wrote to you on
the 25th ult. I had the impression
that you would be able to furnish
me with the seven thousand dollars
mentioned therein in the course of a week
or ten days & my object in now writing
is to ask the favor of you forwarding without
delay the change asked for as I am entirely out
of it & I should also like to know from you
when I may expect the dollar pieces & also if
you think that the State Eagles will be
ready before the close of the present month.

To James R. Mendenhall
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Yours respectfully
Henry H. Boardman
Assistant Treasurer U.S.
Boston

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a May 7, 1847.

Sir,

I rec^d your letter of the 5th inst. and
also per Adams & Co the paper package containing
two tin canisters, California gold. I found the
Messrs Adams & Co the Mint receipt through whom
you will receive it. I omitted answering your
letter for a day or two because of the difficulty
of answering your inquiries in relation to
the difference in the value of the deposits
mentioned by you. In reference to that
question, I can now state that the
deficiency of return stated by you does
not arise "from imperfect washing" as the
loss in melting was about the average, but
from a lower grade of fineness; in which
respect there is a marked difference
between the fine thin spangles and the
coarse grains from the "dry diggings" to
which latter class your deposits by
Messrs. Atkins & Co evidently belong.

transmitted in the last deposit was
a loss in the value of the gold.

There is besides some scope in the quality
of both kinds of the gold from the Californian
region, and a very considerable variation
in individual lumps of the coarse-grained
gold.

Your account deposits is not arranged
but will be reported to me tomorrow or the
next day at about the same time. I enclose
the mentioned sum of its value to you.

Very respy,
Yours obedt servt
(signed) James R. Snowden.
Hear.

Wm. H. Burdette Esq.
Boston

Mr. David Hephart New York May 9. 1847

Dear Sir

We have your Standard Certificate
for a box of Gold dust value about
40000 which they deliver by their Express to
deliver the same at the Mint for an account

We desire you to proceed to Philadelphia
to take charge of the same for us & make
arrangement for the earliest return of the
Gold dust to us in New York and the same be
your authority to do the necessary for us

Sincerely Yours

Hephart & Co

Treasury Department
Comptroller's office
May 16th 1849

Sir
Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses
of the Mint for the 4th quarter of 1848 have
been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance
of \$16,556.46 stated to be due from you
to the United States - which is thus explained
viz - Balance due to the U. States for

Your account -	\$12,556.46
Add the following warrants not yet credited by you. Warrant dated Treasury 25 th Aug	\$2,000.00
Warrant No 7776 dated February 22 nd 1849	2,000.00
	<u>\$16,556.46</u>

Very respectfully
Yours etc
Wm. A. Wood
Comptroller

James Ross Treasurer
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Comptroller of the Money
May 8th 1869

Sir

Your account of gold and
Silver Bullion for the 4th quarter of 1868
has been adjusted at the Treasury, and
a balance of \$455,443.⁰⁰ is stated to be
due from you to the United States - Consisting of

of Gold Bullion	\$12,656,893	\$225,477.07
Silver " "	78,819,300	91,717.21
Gold Coinage	39,445.93	39,445.93
Silver do.		88,803.15
		<u>\$455,443.06</u>

Very respectfully
M. W. McCulloch
Comptroller

Wm. A. S. Snowden
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia 3

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 8th, 1869.

Sir,

We have to-day commenced the coinage of gold dollars, and I send to you the enclosed pieces, with a request that you will also show them to the President.

As the length of time occupied in making the primary dies has been complained of, I feel it but justice to say that the Engraver, ^(Mr. Morgan) devoted himself constantly and assiduously to the work, and that his ~~labor~~ ^{labor} was greatly ^{increased} ~~enhanced~~ by the minuteness of the coin.

R.M.P.

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Nashville Tenn. Jan. 12 1849

My dear Sir—

I hope that I have yet retained a small place in your remembrance. — The commencement of our acquaintance dates from the year 1809 — 40 years ago it took place in the residence of my lamented friend (Will. King) and was continued for some time after your return to your original and my adopted Patria.

The object of addressing you is to communicate that I am more or less under the influence of the general prevailing gold fever. — Not that it is my intention to go to California — I am no more addicted to any hazardous scheme to come to the point at once. I have in my Mineralogical collection, the most extensive in the United States, almost all the minerals that occur in this country except the gold discovered in California and I learn from the many papers that a quantity of this gold has been received at the mint in Phila. — now I would like to purchase some of it — I would like to have a solid piece of \$100 more or less or if you have no pieces of such size or value then I would like to have for \$50 more or less of the different varieties received. — If this is practicable and you could send me immediately an answer perhaps I could then have the amount of it in your hands and my friend Neimans the bearer could take the specimen with him — if not kept for me and I will send some other person for it.

If you have a fine specimen of other gold of the United States worth \$100 more or less I would like to purchase it. — Very respectfully yours truly
G. Frost

Yorston May 7. 1844
James P. Snowden Esq
Treasury U.S. Mint

Sir

We have this day,
forwarded to you express by Adams
Co. Express a small Package of
Gold dust Mexican as weighing
2903. & purt. 18 Grs. The value of
which we wish to receive in
Coin

Very respectfully

Yours Obedtly
Amey. T. Huswife

New York May 7. 1849
N. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Phil^a
Dr. Sir

Herewith we
forward you for Adams & Co Express a Box containing
Five Packages Gold & Gold Dust marked and
numbered as follows viz

Cont^d 11 Boxes of 1. one package Gold Dust.

2. of 2 one 200 200 200

3. of 2 one 200 200 200

4. of 331 one 100 of Gold

These lots belong to different Parties and you will
please oblige us to keep them separate.

Will you please give us certificates made in our
names of weights & value of the above parcels with a
duplicate of Packages. Numbered 1 to 5. as soon
as convenient.

We beg to remain

Very Resp^{tly}

Yours

C. B. Brown

The Gold Dollar.

We have been assured, from a source on which we can place reliance, that the delay so much complained of in issuing the gold dollars, at the mint has arisen exclusively from the time occupied in making the original dies and hubs; and on these the engraver has been constantly and industriously engaged since the passage of the law authorizing this coinage. We are also told that the dies will probably be finished within two or three days; and that the chief coiner has nearly \$100,000 of gold planchets and strips in readiness for the new coins.

The accomplished director of the mint at Philadelphia has been charged with holding back the coinage because he was opposed to the law itself. It is scarcely necessary to say that a man like Dr. Patterson would not condescend to defend himself against so false and outrageous an insinuation. Nor can friends stoop to refute it.

Governor TOWNSEND.—We learn by a telegraphic despatch from Hartford, that Mr. Trumbull was this morning chosen governor. All the other whig candidates were elected, except the treasurer, Mr. Taylor, (not old Zack,) of Middletown. In lieu of him, Henry D. Smith, esq., the democratic candidate, was chosen; and a capital officer he will make. A singular result, under all the circumstances. *(New Haven Register, May 3.)*

The Massachusetts legislature adjourned on Wednesday afternoon, after a session of 120 days. The bills on the subject of the sale of intoxicating drinks and changing the law in relation to capital punishment, failed by disagreement. The State will not have, either, any protection against the paupers, among the thousands of foreign emigrants now coming—the bill providing against the interdiction of the United States Supreme Court having failed in the House.

*Amherst, Mass.,
May 6, 1864.*

United States Mint, Phila. May 5, 1849

I have ^{received} ~~received~~ your
letter of the 2d inst. with the enclosing statement.
The error in the account of Abbott & Co.
arises from the inadvertence of the Clerk
in stating that his per diem is \$1.25
instead of \$1.36, which is the amount
of his pay as fixed by the Directors of the
Mint. The error is corrected, and the
Vouchers are herewith transmitted to you.

With great respects,
Yours ob. servant,

Samuel R. Chace,
Treas.

Hon. J. W. Caldwell
Comptroller.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, May 5, 1869.

Sir,

The substance enclosed in the paper letter of the 24th ult. is ferruginous mica, and contains no precious metal. This mineral is frequently mistaken for gold, and its appearance may well lead to this mistake. It is frequently sent to the Mint for ~~judgment as to its nature~~

R. M. P.

R. Tinsley, Esq.
Post Master
Dacotah, Adams Co., N. Y.



OFFICES, 9 Court St. Boston. 16 Wall St. New York.
80 Chestnut St. Philadelphia. 162 Baltimore St. Baltimore.
35 Fourth St. Pittsburg. Penn. Av. Washington.

Packages will be received at Office in Boston, and forwarded to New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Charleston, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, New Orleans, Norwich, New Haven and Hartford, Conn.

33813 = Boston, May 5, 1849
Received of *Wm. A. Bodman* by
a *postage paid* & *country*
Gold *Post* *paid* - *Thirty Eight*
hundred *thirteen* *Dollars*
advised *James H. Snowden*
Great A. S. M. Co. Phila.
For Adams J. Co. *Adams & Co.*

James D. Snowden Esq

Treasurer, U.S. Mint

Phil^a

Doston May 5. 1849

Sir,

I have this day forwarded you & Adams & Co. Express, a paper package containing two Tin Canisters California Gold Dust, weighing 8 Ounces Two Hundred & fifty six Grains, nine pennyweights, & twenty Grains Troy - for which you will oblige me by remitting a Certificate of deposit for value of same, which can be collected here from our Banks. -

I had a parcel remitted a few days since by Messrs J. Atkins & Co. New York, which did not result so well as the parcel deposited for me in December by Mr. Carter. You will oblige me by stating whether the difference arises from impurity, or imperfect washing. -

The seal upon package is same as upon letter.

I am &c

Your Obedt^t Servant

W. H. Burdette

New York May 4th 1859

Dear Sir!

I have sent you yesterday forty dollars in gold for remittance and if the return of the same would not be retarded, thereby I would feel obliged to you to have as many of the new gold dollar pieces as may be convenient to you to span.

I also would beg for the return Twenty thousand Dollars in Silver forwarded nearly two weeks since to be coined into half Dollars, at your earliest convenience and use this occasion to acknowledge the receipt of your two bank notes of January last, for which please to accept my best acknowledgments and to believe the assurance of highest respect from

Yours
very respectfully
Dwight D. Davis

D. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Washington 30 May 49

You will be removed in consequence of your hostility to the Gold Dollar Law - and you will only be able to save yourself by an immediate appeal of that kind. Two months to get one due struck, is absurd, and if the die sinkers won't work or can't work better, remove them. The President has said this day "he holds you responsible and the Law must be carried out."

We are strangers to each other but I think it proper that you should know the President's opinions and intentions -

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
May 31st 1867

Sir,

To facilitate the adjustment of
your accounts, of expenses of the Mint, for
the 3rd quarter of 1867, I return to you
three vouchers, for payments made to
John McCombs for work done at the Mint.
- the true amount of which, according to
the stated number of days, and rate per day
should be for the cash, instead of \$89.75
as charged.

You will please examine and correct
the same, and promptly return them to this
Office.

Very respectfully,
M. W. Buckle
Comptroller

J. N. Snowden Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Norwalk. May 2nd 1849

Dear Sir

I forward specimens of some kind for your examination. As we have no means of testing their quality here, I should be glad, if you are not too much troubled with such applications, if you ^{would} inform me what they are, and whether of any use.

With Respect

H. Gallup

PAID

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Decatur P.O. Otsego Co. N.Y. April 30th 1849

Sir

Enclosed you will find a yellow shining mineral
which is found in this vicinity in a small stream of
water. Not having any test to ascertain what it is
and indeed not knowing how to test it if I had
I take the liberty to send it directed to you hoping
that you or some of the Chemists or some one
will take the trouble to ascertain what it is and
let me know it certainly looks somewhat imposing
when wet in water but it may be worthless
I beg pardon for troubling you on such a matter
but I did not know who else to send it to
and if it is too much trouble to test it or
hand it to some one who will you have only to
throw it away

With many apologies for troubling you

I remain Sir your

Most humble

Servt

W. Griff. P.M.

Decatur
N.Y.

Asst of the Mint
Philad.

Mint U.S.
Ph. Jan 30, 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of the 28th inst. was not received
till this morning. I have to regret that it is not
in my power to give a satisfactory answer to your
inquiry as to the time when we can pay over the
returns for your deposits. The California gold
contains so much silver combined with it, that
it requires to be submitted to the operation of
parting, which necessarily gives rise to delay.
Every caution is made at the Mint to hasten our
work, but I cannot now say at what time your
deposits will be paid.

R. W. P.

For Wm. Westström, Esq.
New York C.

Boston June 30, 1849.

James M. Howard Esq
Warren U. S. Dist

if

It will be a great
convenience to me if you can forward
by Adams \$100 a part of the money due
this office in Eagles ^{on Monday morning} if you have
not eagles you need not send them.
I should with answer

Very respectfully

J. M. Howard

Asst. Treas. U. S.

Do. Asst. U. S. Dist

Chas.

Dr R M Patterson
Clinton N.Y. Minst Philad

Dear Sir
Enclosed we hand
you bill and duplicate as directed for 200
Gold Bags which will arrive tomorrow by
Adams Express - Hoping that we will receive
further orders from you, which we can assure
you will receive our best attention

Remain Your M. O. Servts
for E. P. Bennett
Henry R. Davis

Philad: June 29/89

Department of the United States

Philadelphia, June 29, 1849.

Dear Sir,
The provision in the 31st section of the act of January 18, 1837, authorizing depositors of public money to be paid at their trust by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purpose of enabling it to make the return to the depositors with as little delay as possible, has succeeded in its object up to the time the present time, so that prompt payments have been constantly made in return for deposits. This desirable condition in our financial business is now unfortunately interrupted, and I feel it my duty to report the fact to you.

The deposits recently received are very large, and a great part of them in California gold. Now this gold contains so much silver combined with it, that it requires to be parted by solution in acid, a process giving rise to necessary delay. We have at this time, in the Mint, about \$686,211 dollars ⁱⁿ waste of gold requiring quantitation. Every effort is made to hasten this operation, and means

are taken for enlarging the apparatus required.
Still the present deposits must be detained
from payment for a considerable time. There is
now due to private depositors, in gold, \$ 685,186,
and to the Assistant Treasurer at Boston, in return
for foreign ^{gold} coins, \$ 127,701.

The drafts which you have recently made
upon the government deposits at the ^{amounting} extent
to \$ 411,115.34, have necessarily served, to that
extent, to increase the delay of payment to
other depositors.

If ^{it be again in your power again to receive} the government deposits, ~~could be again~~
increased by a transfer of foreign gold coins, our pre-
sent difficulty would be proportionally relieved.
These coins do not require packing, or any other pre-
paration that gives rise to delay, and the necessary
in this respect is accomplished.

R. W. P.

Wm. M. Meredith

Secretary of the Treasury

9481, 21118

Springfield June 28th 1849
To Robt M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

A great desire has been felt in this community to procure a sufficient number of gold dollars to be used as a currency in the transaction of business, but as yet none have been seen here except a few kept as pocket pieces by persons who purchased them in New York at 5 percent premium. I employ over one hundred persons, who have for months been importuning me to pay them in gold dollars for the ^{purpose} of getting them into circulation, accordingly I sent a draft to Philadelphia for fifteen hundred dollars, but was surprised to find that $\frac{1}{2}\%$ had been paid for changing the Philadelphia paper money into gold dollars. This change was made on the 26th inst. and at that time the Philadelphia Newspapers tell us that the Mint has suspended the issue of gold dollars, having \$100,000. on hand for distribution. How is it possible for the coin to be kept up if the demand is supplied. Will you be kind enough to inform me if a direct application to the

Mint, with foreign coins. would be met in a short
time

It will doubtless please you to learn that my
business has been quite successful and that during
the dull season which has prevailed a large
portion of New England I have been overstocked
with business. My health is quite good, and
Mrs Tyler is better than formerly, her foot still
pains her, but she can walk about in the house
and a short distance in the street. She rides
continually. Remember you always with pleasure
and affection.

Very Respectfully I am, yours
P. B. Tyler

New York 28 June 1849

Sir

On the 25th inst I forwarded per
Adams' Express a Box containing 1502 g 18 dwt
Gold as follows viz

220 g Super Feather Fine Gold to be assayed separately

200 g

200 "

100 "

33.5 dwt

44.13 "

105 "

400 g Gold in Bag to be assayed separately

} From various placers to be assayed
together

As I am anxious to make my return to
my California correspondent at as early a date
as possible and as the Crescent City sails from this
port on the 30th inst you will confer a favor
by ^{to inform me} return mail at what time I can receive the
Coin from the mint and as part of the amt
has been drawn against I should like to receive
it at the earliest possible date

To
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia Pa }

Yours respectfully
Jos Van Nostrand
271 Pearl Street

Union N. Bk. June 28, 1899

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 26th was postmarked the 28th, and was not received till the day. Your deposits of gold & gold were therefore received and registered, and the date cannot be changed. As it now stands you will still receive a portion of silver, but not so much as would have been given under the new tariff. What the difference will be we do not yet know. Every change of this kind must necessarily involve difficulties such as yours. However much they are to be regretted they cannot be avoided.

You are right in supposing that money is placed in our hands by the Government, by the provision which we are enabled to return the amounts of deposits before their actual earnings. This public fund is, however, liable to be withdrawn or reduced, at any time, by the Treasury Department. Unhappily such reduction has been made within a few days to the amount of more than \$400,000, - a sum sufficient at the present time to interrupt seriously our power of making prompt payment to our depositors. When you can be paid is more than I can now tell. Every exertion is made to render this delay as short as possible. Our greatest difficulty arises from the necessity of paying the excess of silver from the local gold.

Yours truly,
E. M. P.

John L. Aspinwall, Esq.

New York

Philad^a. June 27. 1849

My Dear Sir,

The author of the enclosed letter is
one of the most respectable merchants of New York and
a friend of mine. Mr. Davis when he introduced him
is I have no doubt a gentleman of character. If you can
aid

Truly yr.

William B. Rice.

L. Patterson.

We understand that by a new regulation which has been adopted at the Mint, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, and which is to take effect ^{on} ~~from~~ and after the first ~~day~~ ^{combined} of July, gold alloyed with silver will be parted at such rates as will yield an increased return to depositors. The California gold, for example, ~~will~~ will generally pay about a half of one per cent. more ^{than} heretofore; ~~and~~ the return upon pale doubloons, ^{Bechtler's coins,} and most of the gold of North Carolina, will be somewhat greater.

Private, U.S.M. Phil. Jan 26/49

Friend,

The enclosed article is important in its influence upon the cotton trade, I send it for insertion in your valuable paper, if you think proper. Sign my name merely, as an evidence to you of the authenticity of the communication.

R.D.P.

Edw. Dickinson

Phil.

W. Chapman

New York

Private, U.S.M. Phil. Jan 26/49

Phil. Please to give insertion to the article which I send herewith. It is authentic but I do not wish it to be introduced as an official document.

When I submitted for your paper for the 11th, I asked that it should be sent from the beginning; so that the first two numbers are still due to us. We wish to keep it on file.

Editor Republic }
Washington } F. S. P.

Cair

New York 26th June 1849

My dear Sir

I yesterday sent to the
Mint under charge of Mr. Peter Lindner
some gold which was received from California
by the Steam Packet Co. for the purpose of
having it coined. As the amount is considerable
and the item of interest an object, I naturally
desire to have the proceeds of value as soon as
may be. I am told that some discussion has
been lodged with you to furnish coin on account
of deposits of Gold & in advance of the actual
coming of the gold itself, and if such be the case
and the Mint has an abundance of coin on
hand - perhaps you may give them the benefit
of the same. On the other hand a friend of
mine from Washington informs me that it is
the purpose of Government to make a material
reduction in their charge for melting and separating

California gold - if this change is to be made
within a short period I should certainly like
to have the benefit under the gold in question -

I may perhaps think that my "Kings Cuts"
both ways - that I want the value of the gold
in Can now, to save interest - and on the other
hand desire the benefit to be derived from
delay in refining it until the new regulation, if
there be any, goes into effect - The fact is that
I should like any advantages, which it is proper
and right I should have - and no others - &

I shall esteem it a favor if you can consistently
with your duties retain on Gold for the benefit
of the new regulations - and as to the matter
of a payment on account meanwhile - that
of course is subject to the rules of the Mint -

May I hope for a line from you with an
intimation when these funds can be made
available.

Excuse the annoyance I cause you,
and always feel command me in return.

Yours truly
J. R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint. Very truly yours Geo. L. Safford

Mr. William E. York June 26th

We have sent
to you to day by Hendersons express
a Box of Gold Dust worth

W.H.D. & Co. 1 Can 170 00

5 Cans
250 00 1250 00

2 Cans
180 00 360 00

1 Pkg 36 1/4

1816 1/4 00 Total

this belongs to Wm. H. Bascom Esg
of Boston & we shall be obliged
if you will send us a statement
of the result as soon as it is
ascertained

Yours very truly

Wm. H. Bascom

Mayor, Office of the
Edward Spangas Esq
at N. S. Mount. Near S.

The Board
Mr. George Waller with some friends
from the Country desirous of beholding
the interior of the Mint have requested
of me the use - Mr. Waller I am
well acquainted with and respectfully
ask for him and friends those admissions
which are given to visitors generally

With much respect
Yours &c
Wm. P. Waller
Director of the Mint

289.12
288.88
578.00

Merchants Bank
Boston June 25. 1849

Sir, Messrs Adams & Co. Express Agents will
deposit in my account a payment of about
five hundred ounces California Grain gold
for coinage. I will thank you to issue a
Certificate for the value of said gold and
deliver the coin when prepared to Adams & Co.
to be transmitted to this Bank.

Yours Sir

Very respectfully
John J. May (attn.)

A. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

New York June 25th 1849.

R M Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia

Pa

Leanti.

Beaulieu. We have to own receipt of your favor of 23rd inst.
enclosing a memorandum of the value of the gold
deposited by order of Lieut St Beale - through Mr John
Naglee to for which we are obliged

We have now to advise that we this day forward to
you per Livingston's Express - the following packages
of Gold dust - viz

One paper parcel said to contain 145. oz.

One Box ————— 994 oz

one. box }
in two packages one of 744.
" " 250. }

Two Boxes said to contain — 2700 oz.

together = 3839.03-

It is the wish of our constituents to have
separate valuations of the different parcels.

say one for 145. oz

One pr. 744 - do.

One for 250 - do

One for 2700 - do

and we shall be obliged by your sending us the

the necessary memorandum, excusing the
trouble - please also to advise us of the
receipt of these different packages -

If possible we should like to receive returns
for this specie by the 30th - in order that
we may communicate the result per steamer
leaving here on that day - pr. packages -

It may be that the Box containing
994 oz. is not divided as it should be into
two parcels of 744 & 250 = and in that case
we cannot expect any other return valuation
than for the whole 994 oz.

Awaiting your reply
Yours faithfully
James C. Kingston

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 23d, 1849.

Gentlemen,

The deposit to which you refer in your letter, of yesterday, was made at the Mint yesterday, in ^{the} name of the order of Lieut. Edward P. Beale, and ~~will be~~ ^{is} ~~sent by the way~~ ^{sent by the way} to your firm. We will send to you a receipt and receipt for the same, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~will be~~ ^{will be} ~~sent by the way~~ ^{sent by the way} to your firm.

The gold was brought to the Mint, by Lieut. Beale, three or four days ago, and was left with the Treasurer for safe keeping, but was not deposited for coinage.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

James G. King & Sons,
New York.

Honble W. B. Reed,
Philad.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of introducing myself
as acquaintance my friend W. H. David who visits
N. Y. for the purpose of obtaining orders for Grain,
shot or any other kind of bags & now that the Country
(ever blessed) has every reason to expect large quantities
of California Gold, he thinks that at the mint in N. Y.
they will have to use large quantities of small bags -
as these are made by a newly invented machine, they can
be afforded at less price, he is therefore desirous of
obtaining an introduction to the person who has charge of
that department & have thought that you would be so good
to favor him with a line - it would be much obliged.

Yours very respectfully
C. Purvett

New York 23. June 1849.

Wm. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia

Sir Referring to our respects of yesterday
we have now to advise that we have today
received from Mr John Maglee Jr of Phil^a
a mint receipt for the gold referred to by us
and we have forwarded it to Mess Thomas
Biddler & Co for collection -

Regretting that we should have put you
to unnecessary trouble - which however
from the tenor of Lieut Beale's letter we
could not well help incurring I am very

Yours truly
James C. Thompson
New York June 23rd 1849

R. M. Patterson Esq

New York June 20 1849

Director of the Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We are this moment in receipt of a letter from Lieut Edward B. Reale U. S. A. dated Chester June 21st 1849. in which he advises us that he has deposited some gold (which he had brought from California for us) in the Mint at Philadelphia - and adds.

They would give me no receipt for it -

As the drafts drawn against this deposit are now being presented - and cannot be paid until we know the value of the gold we shall be obliged by your sending us a receipt for the equivalent - with a statement of the weight, value - &c -

And oblige you respectfully
James Livingston.

War Department,
Washington June 21. 1869

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 20th instant
and approve the estimate therein submitted for
the expenses of the medal voted to General Taylor
independent of the work of the artist, amounting
to Six Hundred and nine Dollars

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Wm. B. Brown

Secretary of War

D^r H. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia P^a

Mont. Vert. Phila. June 20, 1869.

Gentlemen,

On the receipt of your letter of yesterday, I made immediate inquiry as to the mistake in which you think there error may have occurred. This inquiry was made by the different persons, and with the following results.

H & Co., 136 E. 4th St.	468.75	Wm. H. H. & Co., 109 W. 4th St.	467.05
H. " "	150.00	" " "	149.84
	<u>618.75</u>		<u>616.89</u>

This evidence convinces me that the error must lie in the bill of lading, and I hope that it will also satisfy you.

R. M. P.

Messrs. Wm. E. Hamilton Secy.
New York C. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

June 14th 1844

Sir

Major Jas. C. Mansie
U. S. Army will deposit under
thousand dollars (\$1200) in
gold dust at \$16 the ounce
by, at the Philadelphia Mint
for coinage. This gold will be
deposited to my credit but subject
to the order of Henry Meade Esq.
of Boston, which order will be
accompanied by a duplicate
copy of this letter with my signature.

I am Sir Respectfully
Yours Truly

J. J. Wilson
James Ross Snowden
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

at New York 19 June 1849

Wm. Patterson Esq
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint Phila

Sir.

On the 15th inst. we forwarded to you
by Livingston & Co's Express, three sealed bags of
Gold Dust $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 624 \text{ ounces} \\ 410 \text{ } 1/8 \text{ } 3/4 \\ 4180 \end{array} \right.$ for Andrew Gregg & Co
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 618 \text{ } 3/4 \text{ ounces} \\ 4180 \end{array} \right.$ for Harrison & Co

This day we received by same conveyance Receipts
signed Ch. Sprague for the Treasurer

One for Sixty two ⁴⁹ 100 ¹⁰⁰ Ounces Andrew Gregg
(ought to have been Andrew Gregg & Co)

the other for Six hundred and Sixteen ¹⁴ 100 ¹⁰⁰ Ounces
for Harrison & Co

The weight of the first bag is corresponding with Bill of Lading
but the weights of the two bags is not, being short
two ounces as you will please to perceive by
comparing with above contents of B.L. as it ought
to be Six hundred eighteen ³ 4 Ounces and we are
inclined to believe, an error of the purport have
occurred, and therefore beg to request you to
examine this matter and to hand us a reply
as soon as convenient

Wm

We should have preferred to receive the
separate weight of each Bag, say

H & C: 468 3/4

H — 150 —

By attending to our request

You will much oblige

Sir,

Your obt. Servt

J. H. Harrison

J. P. Salmons

Col Crowder
Philada
Dofin,

New York 19 June 1849

I hand herewith eight
ounces Gold dust which please receive
and return the proceeds to one Goldens
Post Express

Respy
Mo. S. Hazen
100 Wall St

Mail paid

New York 13 June 1879

The Director of the U.S. Mint
at Phila,

Will please return of the parcel
of gold dust forwarded yesterday thro'
Messrs Adams & Co for the undersigned
— say two hundred Dollars of the
Amount in gold Dollars —

Yr oblige friend

Benjamin L. H.

We hope you will be able to
furnish return within a week for
this

United States Bank

Philadelphia, June 12, 184

Dr. To SIMON MUDGE,
No. 246, High Street.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR MIDDLE WARD, FOR 184 — Office, No. 11, South Eleventh St.

RATES.	COUNTY. cts per \$100	STATE cts per \$100	POOR cts per \$100	TOTAL.
Estate on Chestnut-st pumps & Sewer Dr	4000	4000	2400	14400
				\$78400

Received Payment in full.

Collector.

Private

Wash. D. C. Sat. June 11, 1869

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 8th inst. came to my office this morning,
and I answer it by the statement which I send enclosed. I
have added a paragraph regarding the coinage of gold dollars,
a subject which has been much misunderstood and misrepresen-
ted.

I have ventured to present my statements in the form of an
address, as I have to request that my name be not made use
of.

Yours, &c.

W.

Miss Gregory & Co. Esqrs.
Entire Office
N. York

California Gold and Gold-dollars.

On inquiry made at the mint in Philadelphia, we ~~are~~ learn that the value of California gold, received there to the 9th inst., is \$262,792. We also learn that the coinage of gold-dollar pieces, which began on the 7th ult., has reached to the number 315,700; and that it exceeds, by ^{more than} ~~about~~ 69,000, the demand made by depositors.

Tribune Office
New York Sunday May

Dear Sir

Will you be kind
enough to send us a statement
of the amount of gold
deposited in the mint
received from California

Yours truly

Greely & McWhorter

27-66-295

Minist of the United States.
Philadelphia Jan 7th, 1869.

Sir,

On the 7th of May, (one month ago,) the first gold-seller dies were finished. On the day following, the Chief Coiner made a delivery to the Treasury of 1000 of the coins. Subsequent deliveries, up to this time, have reached to the number 256,039; and we have now on hand 20,750 more than are due to our Depositors.

The only serious delay source of delay in the coinage arises from the fact that every blank piece on a planchet has to be separately weighed: if too light, to be rejected; and if too heavy to be filed down to the standard weight. In this tedious operation nine men were employed from early morning till 7 o'clock in the evening; and we are providing for a larger force if it shall prove necessary.

I make this communication in confidence that it will satisfy you that we have used every exertion to supply the legitimate demand made for this new coin, and that we have succeeded.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

Wm. W. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

363,789
1,050,000 ✓
686,211

Dec 171,553
1/4

\$414,658 to be paid

Gr. dep. 521,115.30
due H. F. B. 127,701.00
due sundry pers. 672,854.38
\$1,321,670.68

to be paid 414,670.68

Gold 700,000 707,000.-
Silver 200,000 171,553.
500,000

226,000
274

- 1 The amount of Genl. L. before the last draft is paid
- 2 The present amount of these drafts.
- 3 The amount of foreign coins given to the Mint for its coins and coins supplied.
- 4 The present amount of private deposits unpaid - including such as cannot be reported by estimates.
- 5 The amount of the int. equiv. party. \$10,790

1. \$ 821,115.30

2. $\begin{array}{r} 300,000.- \\ 111,115.30 \\ \hline \text{ded. } 411,115.30 \\ \text{Bal. } 410,000.00 \end{array}$ during fund. paid
June 28. unpaid

3. $\begin{array}{r} 101,847.56 \\ 127,701.00 \\ \hline \text{due } 229,548.56 \end{array}$ due J.R.L. aft. then U.S.
due F.B. aft. Boston

4. 565,942.24 Gold dep. reported and unpaid
 $\begin{array}{r} 13,266.24 \\ 328,792.32 \\ 894,734.56 \\ \hline \text{ded. No. 3. } 229,548.56 \\ \hline 665,186.00 \end{array}$ due private depositors in gold
 7668.38 due do do in silver
 Total \$672,854.38

Mint U.S.

August 1, 1869.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge ^{the receipt of} your letter of the
27th ult., approving of the tariff of charges ~~at the Mint~~
on deposits at the Mint, ~~but before~~ ^{in your communication,} referred to
you in my letter of the 25th.

I now respectfully propose that this tariff shall
go into action from the beginning of July next. The
short postponement is justified, as I shall, by the
necessity of time being allowed for all the Mints to
act under the new tariff ^{together} ~~at the same time~~, and for
avoiding the mixing two systems in our general quar-
terly account.

R.D.P.

It also seems proper that ^{timely} public notice should
be given of a change in the Mint Charges that will
so materially affect ^{the payment of} many of the deposits.

Wm. W. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

R.D.P.

Sir

From Mrs. L. Spinnell, Esq.
New York
Jan 4, 1849.

Ms. B. 1. 1.

New York 4th Jan 1849

My dear Sir.

I am under many
obligations for your very kind
and prompt reply to my
inquiries relative to California
gold. the results of your
experiments, and the actual
yield of this considerable
quantity of gold already secured
at the mine, are both
interesting and satisfactory.

During the month we shall
have some 4000 to 6000 acres
to come under your good care
and I hope it may be found
to yield as well as the previous
parcels to which you allude.

With the hope that
you may afford me the
opportunity of reciprocating
your kindness,

Believe me to be

Very truly yours,

Wm. L. Stephenson

To R. M. Patterson &

Directors U. S. Mint.

E. 6112

Treasury Department
June 5. 1869.

Sir

The Treasurer of the U. States has
this day been instructed to give his transfer draft
in favor of the As. Treasurer at Philadelphia on the
As. Treasurer at N. York for \$200,000 payable in
green Gold Coins - for the purpose of buying silver coins.

The suggestion contained in your letter of the 1st inst.
that the tariff of charges on deposits at the Mint for
coinage, referred to, shall go into operation from the
beginning of July next, is approved.

I am very Resp^t

W. M. Pissischi
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint -
Philad^a

Wash. D.C., June 1, 1869.

~~Dear Sir,~~
In answer to the inquiries made in your letter of the 30th ult.,
I present the following statements:

The average fineness of the California gold
rec'd up to this date (about 20,000 ozs.) is 892
thousandths. It proves to be quite variable in
parcels, ranging ^{at the widest} from 875 to 910, but most
usually from 888 to 898. ~~It is~~ We notice a much
greater ^{variation} ~~unsteadiness~~ in the individual grains;
a single lump, weighing near 9 ozs. & the largest
yet noticed, resulted 923 fine.

We have not been able to fasten any char-
acteristic differences, either in respect to geographical
localities, or ~~in~~ the two kinds of diggings, known
as the "wet" and "dry." We ~~rather~~ incline to the
belief that the gold ~~of the~~ from the bed or margin
of the rivers (wet diggings) is rather finer than the
other, but mainly because it occurs in ~~for~~ smaller
& flatter particles. - We were much interested in the
trial of several samples bro't by an intelligent
gentleman in the naval service. The first, from the
Sacramento region, but of the dry diggings, gave 895 fine;

the second, "from Yerba river," 896½; the third "from Stanislaus river, tributary of the Joaquin," 896. Two of these locations are several hundred miles apart, and yet there is no characteristic difference in the fineness of the gold. - An assay of gold from the Mormons, sent overland, yielded 895 fine.

It must be observed, that these assays are of the gold after melting. It comes to us in quite a clean condition, almost invariably; yet there is always some earthy matter or dirt enough to make an average loss, ^{if melted} in melting, of 2½ per cent. The loss has hitherto been quite steady; always between 2 & 3 per cent.

The alleged weights ~~of~~ of deposits correspond well enough with the weighings at the Mint; in fact ~~they~~ we generally find ^{make} the weight a little over the invoice statements.

On the whole, so far as our assays go, it seems California gold is worth, per ounce before melting, from \$17.70 to \$18.40; and is fairly enough averaged at \$18.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Patterson.

John A. Stephens, Esq.,
New York.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office

July 27th 1849.

Sir,

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses
of the Mint, for the Second quarter of
1849, have been adjusted at the Treasury,
and a balance stated to be from you, to the
United States, of \$9,586³²/₁₀₀, which agrees
with your statement.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller.

To

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia

Unit U. S. Philade. July 27/49

Dear Sir,

The mineral sent, in your letter of the 23^d.
unit, is nothing more than that old decanial, Iron Pyrites.
If you expose it to a red heat you will find it give
out a fume of sulphur

Rm. P.

Lorenzo Tibert

Woodstock, Va

Office of the Assistant Treasurer,
New York, July 28th 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday, acknowl-
edging the receipt of proceeds of Draft
\$131,500, is received and its receipt ac-
knowledged to correct an error. The
amount was \$131, 150, not 500.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.,

John King

To Wm. C. Dut Bois,
Acting Treasurer,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

New York, 28 July 1849

Sir,

I am requested by a friend to have
some silver coined into dimes, say about
\$ 1500. Please inform me, if you can let
me have this privilege, and what time
will be required for the operation

I remain, Respectfully yours,

Edmund

77 South St

Late of Treas.

Edmund

To the Treasurer
of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

25. Feb. 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Shawson Esq
Appt. Secy. of War

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a July 30th 1849.

Sir,

I have your letter of the
28th inst. I can furnish you \$1500
in dimes, the amount you desire,
in two or three days after receiving
from you foreign silver ^{or bullion} for that purpose.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt^{ly}

Geo. W. Edelman
for James Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

To C. Durand
77 South 2nd Street
- 14 & 1

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 7th, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and it gives me pain to repeat ~~that I cannot see any~~ ^{again} and after fully considering the case which you ~~present~~ present, I cannot see any answer that can ~~possibly~~ ^{possibly} be caused by which deposits made and registered before the 1st of July, can be ~~put~~ ^{placed} under the conditions of a warrant that will not go into effect until that date.

The Treasury Department has ~~given~~ ^{the day} ~~up~~ ^{up} draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for \$300,000, in foreign gold coins; and as this gold does not require ~~fracturing~~ ^{fracturing} its ~~own~~ ^{own} acci-~~ding~~ ^{ding} will be soon accomplished, and your payment made.

Very sincerely yours,

R. M. P.

Yrs

John L. Sprinwell, Esq.

New York.

New York July 7th 1869

Wm R. M. Patterson

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing draft for one thousand dollars from the Treasury department payable at the Assistant Secretary's Office New York.

I must thank you for your kind and prompt attention, & for the gratifying intelligence that you caused the medal to be struck on the 4th of July with entire success. I shall be much obligated to Mr. Pele also for his kindness.

I have now tasked my powder lay to close applications on the medal for G. Scott, & must lay by for a few days. I have the whole laid in & partly brought up & shall endeavor to meet the time I promised you, say 20th this month.

I have acknowledged the receipt of draft to the Treasury department as directed & this acknowledges the receipt to you.

I have the honor to be
most respectfully yours,

Edw. Wright

(Confidential)

New York 6th July 1849

My dear Sir

A press of occupation has prevented me from thanking you at an earlier date for your prompt answer to my enquiries relative to California Gold. It strikes me that the Government do not take a liberal stand, in refusing to the recent depositors of Gold, the advantages to be derived from the action of the new tariff - particularly as the Mint was not in a position to make the assays until after the New Tariff went into operation - & as no notice was given to the public by which they could be enabled in disposing of the considerable amount of treasure received by the Treasury City, and sent to the Mint only a very few days prior to the 1st July. It would seem that the date of assay, and not of deposit, should govern the case. Upon a proper representation, I think that Mr. Wendell

would see the nature of the position I assumed,
as it can hardly be the object of the Government
to avail of the circumstances in question, to deprive
depositors of California gold of an advantage they
could have secured, had the proposed change been
made public only a few days prior to its operation.
If there be no objection, I will call the attention
of the Secretary to the matter - and if within
the range of your duty, perhaps a line from you
to him would help the matter.

I have already have
some of the assays of our Gold gulding about
1776 the ounce at the Mint - and I hope the
Coin can soon be made available. I am aware that
you have spared no exertions in giving dispatch.

Very truly yours
Wm L. Garrison

To R. W. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Statement of the result of the Gold and Silver Bullion Sweeps,
credited the late Mather & Refiner, in final settlement of his
accounts, 31st December 1848, subsequently transferred to his
successor, from whom they were received for transmission to
London, where they were sold, as per account states of
P. A. Johnson & Co. dated 6th July 1849.

1,765. 5 lbs. and. of Gold sweeps, containing as per
Assayer's Certificate, 587th gold in 5.02 Troy = 71.194,
and 583 silver in 5.02 Troy = 70.45 Stand. Oz.
less deduction for something, \$7.50 per 100 lbs.
towards which appropriate de silver, leaving \$50.00
to come from the gold = 2.700 per 100. Stand. Oz. leaving
net in gold, 68.458 Stand. Oz. = \$1,274.19

4,924 lbs. and. of Silver sweeps, containing as per
Assayer's Certificate 1292th silver in 5.02 Troy,
= 2,009.16 St. Oz. less deduction for something
\$7.50 per 100 lbs. = 961.90 St. Oz. leaving
net 1,047.26 Stand. Oz. = \$1,212.63

\$2,492.82

Net proceeds of the Sweeps in London \$2,492.82
By which yielded in U. S. Coins = 2,075.17

Showing a deficiency arising from the sale of \$417.65
which has been passed to the debit of Profit and Loss
account in the Bullion Books.

The wastage on Silver Bullion allowed the late Mather
& Refiner, in final settlement of his account, was near
40 per cent of full wastage, which with the addition of
the deficiency arising from the sale of the sweeps, as above
specified, still brings his wastage considerably below the
legal allowance.

Branch Mint of the U. States New Orleans,
Treasurer's Office, Sept. 13. 1849.

John R. Demeré
Treasurer

To—
Mr. B. J. Read
Boston

U. S. Mint. Phila. Pa.
July 5, 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., in which you make inquiry as to the delay of payment of the proceeds of your deposit for coinage made on the 14th ultimo.

I have made inquiry into the case and find that there is due \$600,000 unpaid on deposits prior to yours and that it may not be in our power to pay your claim upon us in less than two weeks.

Our delay arises principally from the circumstances that the "Californian" is to be submitted to the process of spreading the silver which is combined.

Faithfully
1st R. M. Patterson
Director

W. A. R. Ph. July 5, 1849

22,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst.,
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. A. R. Ph.

W. A. R. Ph.

B. P. Reed,
Boston

W. S. Mint. Phila. Pa.

July 5, 1829.

To -
J. & G. King & Sons
New York

Gentlemen:-

I send enclosed a memorandum of the
proceeds of your deposit made on the 27th ultimo.
I find that there is due \$670,000 unpaid on deposits
prior to yours. I have now on hand in gold coins
about \$100,000.

As nearly all the gold recently received,
including yours, requires to be submitted
to the process of parting, your payment will
necessarily be delayed between two and three
weeks longer, according to the estimate
presented to me by the Melter and Refiner.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
W. R. Patterson
Director

M. U. S. Phil. July 5, 1849

to J. G. King Esq
New York

Boston July 2. 1849

Wm Patterson Esq
Dear Sir

I am obliged for your
circular of new charges of coinage at the
mint. which it appears to me are reasonable.
but my object in addressing you is to ask
if the coin can not be manufactured &
returned without so great delay, as is now
required. Three weeks since I forwarded 30
ounces of the metal, on 25th June 375 ounces.
for the former I have Mr Edmonds Certificate
of melting & value dated 14th July - from
which it appears that it was melted & its
value \$13,563.50 ascertained without any delay.
But my agent informs me that he is
not able to obtain the proceeds -

The interest for detention is much more
than the cost of coining.

Yrs Truly Respy
Wm Reed

EC:MP

Treasury Department
July 5. 1849.

Sir

Your communication dated the 29th ult. was duly received and I have to inform you that the Treasurer has been, this day, instructed to issue two transfer drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for \$150,000 each payable in foreign gold coin -

The amount to be transferred under your instruction as heretofore for recoinage at the Mint.

I enclose an application for the temporary suspension of the operations of the Branch Mint at Charlotte and will thank you for your views in relation to it.

I am very Resp^l.

W. M. Meredith

Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint -

To the Director of the
U.S. Mint at Phil^a

Boston, July 2^d 1849.

Dear Sir

By Adams & Co. this day
forwarded you 5 Bare Silver amounting per Invoice, copy of
which is enclosed, to \$12,242.00 pay to Frederick Thompson two
hundred forty two Dollars which I should be pleased to
have you accept & advise me as soon as practicable of
the next proceeds when I will write you further relative
to the disposition of same.

Most Respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Wm. V. Goddard
per Philip Ensign

Invoiced

5 Bars Silver ing.				
Marked to	Grav weight	Assay	Refined	
1 1001	239.35	996	96	
" 3	239.92	"	96	
" 11	265.29	"	96	
" 7	245.58	997	99	
" 20	253.53	996	98	
	1243.85		101	
Refined	11.70		470	

Exch.

12,391.5 Months @ 97/100 12,336.41/2
 Charge at Val^o 5.44
 Valparaiso 11 April 1849
 J. A. B. 100.

The above Invoiced of 5 Bars Silver sent by Wm. G. Adams
 in Adams Express to the US Mint at Philadelphia & Co.
 assigned & will present pay to his order.

Wright 99.9203.00

Balti July 31. 1849 -

Dear Sir -

Although I have not the pleasure
of being personally acquainted with you
I take the liberty of requesting some information
which I am assured that you can readily give.
You will much oblige me, if you will tell
me the several alterations which have been
made by Acts of Congress with regard to our
Gold & Silver Coins ~~and~~ including particularly
the ^{weight} of the first "Gold Eagle" coined; -
its weight in pure gold and its alloy as
directed by act of Congress; the alterations
since made in its weight and alloy - The same
with respect to Silver - If this should be too
much trouble please inform of the First Gold
bill & the present showing the weight alloy,
and the same of Silver - I also wish to know
what the weight &c of the "Round Sterling"
was at the time of the Coinage of the First or
Old Eagle, or what it was considered to be
by Congress so as to make the value of the Round
Sterling at that time $\$4\frac{1}{4}$ -
If you will presume to send me with the above
information of the weights &c &c in order
to enable me to make some calculations I
will be much indebted to you -

Please write as early
as possible -

Very Respectfully

J. L. Tucker
Exec. Dir. of the Baltimore.

Washington July 28/49

Dear Sir

I sent by the train
R Johnson A Co. Ltd. to
Phila. a small bag of
California Gold - He stops
at the United States Hotel -

Will you do me the favor
to send a messenger to his
lodgings Saturday Morn-
ing at 10 O'clock with a
line from yourself & he
will send it you -

Please place its value to
my credit in the Mint &
acknowledge

I am very Respectfully
Yours

T. Esch

Dear Mr. Patterson

W. S. Turner Phila

and I have been
very much interested in
the work of the
American Society for
the Advancement of
Science

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Philadelphia, Pa.
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Prof. Wm. Brewster
August 31, 1889

Assistant Treasurer's Office
Boston July 30. 1869

Dear Sir, I send to day per. M. P.

Adams's Ltr. in foreign gold — \$61,568.³⁴/₁₀₀
for which please return twenty thousand gold
dollars & the remainder in double eagles if possible,
if not, in Eagles —

I also send in foreign silver \$1,020.
for which please return silver dollars —

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Wm. M. Howard Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treasr.

61,568.34

11,300.00

62,508.34

Dept of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs
July 26th 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to request that
you will communicate to this office any
information you may possess in relation to
the progress of the execution of the Indian medals.
It is desirable they should be completed as
early as possible.

Very respectfully
Wm. S. W.
Orlando Brown

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer

New York July 26th 1859

To William D. Dubois
Acting Chairman of the Board

Treasury Transfer
Draft No. 131, 150.00. Endorsed by Genl.
Has been paid upon your order to Adams & Co
this day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours &c
Wm Young

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia, July 26, 1849.

My dear Sir,

I send subjoined a copy of a letter received this morning from Mr. Pearce. "Edi-
dens forentes." I know that, under the circumstances, you will refuse the gift. For my own part, I look upon it as a paltry attempt at petty-bribery. Please to let me know what course you mean to take in the case. "Edi-
dens forentes." Mr. Wilson was here yesterday, and made assertions ^{regarding} the sale of coffee ⁱⁿ at New York, which, if proved, would put a stop to our intercourse with Mr. Pearce. I confess that his letter to you increases my suspicions of him.

We received yesterday, ^{from the Treas. of the U.S.} a transfer draft in your favor ~~for~~ on the ~~1st~~ ^{1st} Treasury ~~of the U.S.~~ at New York, for \$121,150, payable in foreign gold coins. — It was endorsed to the Order of Adams & Co. by Mr. B. D. Davis, as Acting Treasurer of the Mint.

All is going on well at the Mint as usual. We can pay ^{our} deposits up to the 11th of July, and \$150,000 will pay the remainder about the 1st of the present month.

Very respectfully,
your friend &c.

R. M. O.

Director

Asst. Prof. Inverness, Ky.
Inverness of the W. & A. M. Co.

[I have copy of the President's letter of Aug 24.]

Mr. S. M. M. C.

Philad^a July 25, 1849.

Sir, I have placed in the hands
of Messrs. Adams & Co for collection
treasury transfer drafts, worth, for
\$131,150 in favor of the Treasurer
of the Mint, on the Ass^t Treasurer
of the U. S. at N. York, payable in
foreign gold coin.

Very respectfully
Yours &c

(signed) Wm. C. C. Davis
Chief Clerk

Wm. Young Esq
Care Am. M. C.
N. York

Mont Veb. Oha July 25, 1849.

Sir,

The specimens which you have sent for our examination are of a character perfectly familiar to us, and frequently mistaken for ores of gold and silver. The bright spangles in the sand-stone are of Quartz, - a common mineral, of no value in that form. The gold-like points in the slate-rock are of Iron Pyrites or Sulphuret of Iron, - a mineral frequently sent to us as gold ore, - but really a very common substance, of no practical value.

Yours very faithfully,

R. M. P.

S.

Mr. Abraham Dellinger,
Columbian Freeman P.O.,
Shenandoah, Va.

W. J. Munie,
Philad^a July 25, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter
of the 24th inst, enclosing to me
transfer drafts N. Y. in my favor
on the American Bank, rec^d N. Y. for
\$134,150, payable in foreign gold
coins.

I will adopt the usual
mode, per Messrs. Adams & Co of having
it brought to the N. Y. office when
rec^d, & will place the amount to
your credit on Bullion A/c.

Very resptly
Yours obt^l serv^t

(Signed) Wm. C. Dulles
Asst. Treas.
U. S. Mint

Wm. C. Dulles Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint

Treasury of the U.S.
24 July 1849

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia,
Sir

Enclosed I hand you
Transfer draft N^o 4 in your favor on the Asst.
Treasurer U.S. New York for \$131,150. payable
in foreign gold coins, which you will please pass
to my credit on Fulton account

Respectfully
your obt. Sot.
Wm. S. Selden
Treas. U.S.

Wm Brewster June 25 1847

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Wm Brewster June 25 1847
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director
of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Really I must offer an apology
for troubling you so frequently with my communications
containing Mineral specimens. My apology is that
we reside in a Mineral region and are somewhat afflicted
with the California Mania.

This beautiful Mineral specimen is from
the neighborhood of the Blue Ridge and is a
black lead or graphite. If it is worth nothing more
than its beauty it is a very beautiful Mineral.
In the vicinity of the mine where this specimen is from
there is a large amount of Copper ~~mineral~~ (Native) impregnated
in the crevices of the rock — and as the Blue Ridge approximates
to what our Mineralogists term the primitive formation
it is not much to be wondered at that we expect to find some of
the precious Metals in that Mountain.

If this turned out to be nothing more than a sulphuret of iron
I shall despair of the pursuit. I make no business searches for the
precious Metals but when ever a Mineral exposes my path I
cannot help it by without some notice which invariably increases my
desire to know what it contains. I think the specimen enclosed
contains silver of this you will soon determine. I am and much
of my friends than to please
Wm Brewster

P. 8

I hope this specimen is large enough to be properly
 examined. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 J. W. D.

The specimen of the fossil is a small, thin, white, crystalline mass, which is very brittle and easily broken. It is composed of a single crystal, and is not a compound of several crystals. The crystal is of the rhombohedral form, and is very perfect. The faces are very smooth and lustrous. The edges are sharp and well defined. The color is a pure white, and the texture is very fine and uniform. The specimen is very small, and is only a few lines in length. It is a very fine specimen, and is well adapted for the purpose of the investigation.

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Grand Teton Park
Banquet July 23. 1889

Mr. Callahan &

Secretary U.S. Mint Wash.

Dear Sir

I had two pieces of
Gold Bullion by the favor that the proceeds may
be returned to me in gold Dollars. If however
Mr. Manning can't wait till the Bullion can be
consigned to please to send me by mail the usual
Certificate of its value &c.

Yours
Wm. H. Custer

Mint U. S.

Philad^a July 21/49

Sir,

The specimen A which you sent in your letter of yesterday presents no sign of containing any of the precious metals, and its real character cannot be positively declared without submitting it to an analysis, an operation which we have not leisure to undertake, and which ~~forms~~ makes no part of our mint operations.

The specimen B is iron pyrites in one of its most ordinary forms.

We have had but little opportunity of seeing the matrix of California gold. What we have seen is principally quartz. The gold dust is composed of gold and silver, almost exclusively.

Yours very respectfully

R. U. Patterson

Lorenzo S. S. S.

Dr W. H. Murray July 20 1849

W. H. Patterson Esq
Sir

I enclose a specimen of
Manganese which contains a Mineral that I cannot
exactly make out - I have submitted it to the action
of Nitric Acid also regia & I have no difficulty in
detecting a large per cent of Manganese the mineral that is
set in sponges in the base of Manganese I have been unable to
determine. It may be Platinum or some other mineral of value
I will take it as a special favour if you will have it carefully
tested as soon as your convenience will allow & let me hear
your attention to this will much oblige you

I send in other specimens
marked (P)

Yours
Lorenz Liebert

PS

You will be so kind as to inform me what is
the character of the Matrix accompanying the pale fawn
Gold if it is Amalgamated with other Metals or not or if it
is found in a state of combination with ~~other~~ elements of our
I have not yet seen anything satisfactory as to
being of the Natural oxidation or character of the Gold

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U. S. P. H. 20/49

Genl,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have the
satisfaction of saying that your deposit is just received,
and will be paid on your application for the pro-
ceeds.

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Y

Rm. P.

James G. King & Sons

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New York.

Office of the Mercantile Mutual
Insurance Company.

63 Wall St.

New York City

Dr. Johnson
Printer of the Herald
Philadelphia

Sir,

This Company have
sent this day of May
to your office 2 packages gold
dust marked as follows N. A. and
N. A. which you will please have
assayed and return Gold Eagle
for this of

Respectfully

Yr. att. servt

Chas. H. Johnson

Per

New York July 19. 1849
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Pa

for

We have to request the favor of
your informing us at what time the Gold Bullion
you hold for our account will be ready for delivery
in order that we may forward the receipt.

Yours Respectfully
James H. Thompson

Shennandoah County Va Columbia Furnace to the
Superintendent of the United States mint I will inform you
that I would like for you to let me know what for
mettle this is in this ore whether it will be for any
value or not I want you to take it through a good exami-
nation if it is any mettle it will be the greatest mine
that has been discovered yet in America there is about
seven acres big a place about that it has been discovered
on it and it is a gradual richer in the ground than
on top but we could not dig on account of it being
found out I want no one to know it till I know what
it may be and I want you to try this in the sand rock
and let me know as soon as you can what it may be
and in the blue rock also Likewise let me know
if it is something worth while we will work it and
you shall have your share of it we have tried it
with all the assets we know but it will cut the
sand away and leave the mettle if it is anything
worth while we will work it out and send it to you
and you will work it into what it will make for I
do believe it is gold or silver I want you to try
your hands at it it is but little but if you can only discover
what it may be then we will try to furnish you a rough
of it to work on no more at present but you to send
me a true answer back what it is or will be send the
answer to Columbia Furnace ^{post office} Shennandoah County Va
July 18 1849

Yours with respect
Absalom Dellinger

Mint of the United States

Philad. July 16, 1849

Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 13th inst. and in compliance with the request contained therein I forward to day, per Mr. Adams & Co. the balance due your office, being deposits made by Henry Hubbard Esq. former Asst. Treasurer, the statement of which is as follows:

Amount of gold sent to Mint \$ 127,301

" " returned by tale 400.

\$ 127,701.00

Paid on acct. of gold \$50,000.

Now, being added the
Mint balance of the deposits 397.21 50,397.21

~~50,397.21~~

balance \$ 77,303.79

It will be seen that the balance deposits
sent, balance the ledger debit, to the amount
of \$ 2,799.21 but as the gold received

on construction, I send

the aggregate value as stated by Mr. Hubbard,
in Dollars \$ 67,300.00
" " " " " " 10,000.00
change 3.79

\$ 77,303.79

I am very Respectfully
Yours ob. servt.

Samuel R. Chapman
Secy. U. S. Mint.

Franklin Haven Esq
U. S. Secy. U. S. at
Boston Mass.

New York 16th July 1849

Sir

We forward you by Adams
Express a sealed package containing
gold bullion for coinage and for which
after you have ascertained its standard
or value, please send us a certificate.

Respectfully

your obdt^s

Wargus Gottus

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Aug^r 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq^r
Chief of Mint No

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

New York
Sept 30/64
12 1/2 o'clock m.

Dear Sir

I have rec'd your dis-
patch of this morning, and have the pleasure
to inform you that, by the assistance of the
Sav. Agent, I am to receive the amount
of the Mint Receipts due, from the bank
of New York, and have passed the same
of value to the Cashier of that bank,
it will save me the expense, - I am going
now to receive the money, and take it over
to the bank.

I return you very many
thanks for this accommodation, and with
the oblige to you to send the receipt
on presentation, and oblige

Yours Obedt Servt

William Buchanan

James R. Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philad^a

In my hurry yesterday, I forgot to write in time by mail

US Mint
To
Hargons Brothers
New York
Carlsruhe -

Phila Aug 15 1869

In compliance with the
request made in your letter
of the 13th inst. I sent the
enclosed memorandum to the
treasury of your deposit,
and inform you that the
amount will be paid on your
order on the Mint receipt when
ever presented.

Respectfully
R. M. Peterson
Director

Aug 25 1849
Dear Mr. K. I have the pleasure
to inform you that the
first of the new series of
the "Gleaner" has been
sent to you by express.

Min't of the United States.

Director's Office, Aug. 26, 1869.

My dear Sir,

I have read with care your communication
of the 23rd inst. & but I will now confine my answer
to the circumstance which you refer to it. I have there-
fore, to say, that as you are responsible for the
bullion placed in your keeping, you have a perfect
right to decline an interchange of any part of it,
even for other bullion of equal value; and even if
required for purposes of the government, if that be
your will in the case.

Yours, with sincere friendship,

P. M. Patterson.

Richard A. McCulloch, Esq.

New York 23rd August 1849

R. M. Paterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philad^a

Sir,

On the 16th ult^o we forwarded
to the Mint for coinage a package containing
gold bullion, for which you sent us a certificate.
Will you please inform us whether it is
coined & whether we can dispose of it &
what are the proceeds.

We are Respectfully
Yours obt^l Serv^t
Barzoud Brothers

Minist of the U. States,
Philad^a Aug²³ 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the 21st. inst.
I have been prepared for a few days past
to pay you deposits of the 1st. inst., but in
consequence of their being on one of the firm
of Adams & Co in this City (the Min^{is} receipt
being in their name) it had to be sent to
New York to be endorsed. It is however
returned to day, and I have paid the same
as follows:—

For eagles \$41,560.—

" gold dollars 20,000.—

" silver dolls, 1,020.—

" Change 8.34

Total amt of yr. dep^s. \$62,588.34

The double eagles have not yet been
com^d, and therefore I send Eagles.
The amounts of gold & silver dollars
are in compliance with your request.

Very respy
Yours &c &c

(signed)

James D. Snowden

Franklin Haven Esq.

as^t the U. S. Mint

Department of State,
Washington, 23^d August, 1849.

Robert M. Patterson, Esq.,
Director of the Mint
of the U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

On the receipt of this, which
will be handed to you by Mr. Joseph
Balestier, you are desired to prepare
a suitable medal of gold to be pre-
sented to the Rajah of Sulu, as a
testimonial of his bravery and
humanity in saving the crew of
the American ship 'Mary Ellen',
of Boston, which was wrecked on

the Island of Sulu, in the year
1846. On one side of the medal
should be the arms of the United
States; on the other, an engraved
inscription: "Presented by Zachary
Taylor, President of the United
States of America, to the Rajah
of Sulu, for his bravery and
humanity in saving the crew
of the American ship 'Mary Ellen',
of Boston, A. D. 1846." Appended
to this, let there be a handsome
gold chain.

Deliver these articles to Mr.
Balestier, and transmit your ac-
count to this Department for payment.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Wm. M. Clayton

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U.S. Mint
To Hon. W. M. Meredith
Sec. of Treasury
Washington
Phila. Aug. 21 1859.

Sir - I have the honor to send herewith a statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint and its branches in the month of July last.

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| At the Phila. Mint | \$ 1,319,773.07 |
| At the New Orleans Mint | 175,918.73 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,495,691.80 |

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| There has since been received | 361,036.61 |
| at the Phila. Mint | <hr/> |
| | 1,856,728.41 |

Of what may have been received at the New Orleans Mint during the present month, I am not informed.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

Washington Aug 21st 1849

Dear Sir -

The large lump of gold that I
named to you was one that I had seen,
not that I owned. I had no exact in-
formation of its weight & measure it
is the same which you expressed - I will
send you some ten or twelve pounds of the
earth & gravel, as soon as convenient,
for your examination - I can select
no gold in either, by the naked eye -

I am very respectfully

Yours

V. Erving

Dear Mr. Partridge
Director of the Mines

Extract from a letter of Alexander
Humboldt to Mr. Farg.

Potsdam 21st Aug. 1829.

— — — You know by my work on
Central Asia, T. III. p. 597., that the largest piece
of wash-gold, which has as yet been found in
the Southern Ural (at Tzarevo-Alexandrofskoi)
near Miass, weighs 36 Kilogrammes. The largest
piece of platina, which has been found, is that
from the Demidoff Mines at Nizni Toghilsk, in
the northern Ural. It weighs 8³/₁₀ Kilogrammes.
Both these pieces are preserved in the cabinet of the
mining corps in St. Petersburg.

I am informed, that there was found in the
year 1821 in the Alleghenies, Anson County, North
Carolina, a piece of wash gold of 21⁷/₁₀ Kilogrammes.
Mr. Kohler, a Saxon miner, relates this fact.

It would be very important, to collect some
further information regarding this curious
fact of Anson County. The piece itself has
probably been lost.

I am convinced by the similar formation
with the Ural, that in the Southern goldwashings
of the Alleghenies, platina and diamonds exist,
but since

but since twenty years have I written to
America and in vain enquired, if there is any
platina there, and if a well informed person
has succeeded to find it. The vague rumors of
Platina & Diamonds in California made so
far no impression on me. —

California deposits

Total value ascertained
including "Empire City" 3 $\$1,491,047.74$

Per Falcon ^{ounces dec.} 10,542.33 }
valued at $\$18.$ 3 } $189,761.94$
 $\$1,680,809.68$

Aug. 21, 1849

$1,141,389.09$
 $178,383.98$ ^{to}
 $1,319,773.07$ - July 31, 1849 inclusive.
 $1,680,809.68$
 $361,036.61$ - for August

$1,319,773.07$
 $44,177.$
 $1,275,596.07$

question I. Answer in letter to Mr. de Kay (lost of 25 pages)

II. ditto (same explanation)

III. See the above letter. The coinage of 1847 was \$14,348,366.69 in 11,545,278 pieces. In 1835 the pieces coined weighed 15,996,342

IV. From Boston & N. York on Government of \$9,148,839.33 of which from New York \$7,597,806.44; from Boston \$1,551,032.89. The amount was principally in foreign gold coin.

V. By Adams & Co's Express. ~~the~~ ^{expense of transportation thither, and} ~~the return~~ ^{from Boston & New York}, was paid by the Mint in \$8,615,993.54 of the amount above received. The expenses of transportation were \$3,474.80; profits on receiving \$1747.40; net cost of transportation \$1,731.92. There was no loss sustained in the carriage.

VI. The time required to assay. The return, if the bullion fund is well supplied, can be made in two days; if the deposit is in coin or of a well ascertained value, the return may be made the same day.

* Of the above amount \$4,485,812.32 was sent back at a cost of \$1,936.70.

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| Total transferred | \$13,101,805.86 |
| Cost | <u>5,474.80</u> |

Mt. A. S. Phil. Aug. 21/49

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst, regarding a deposit of gold, made by W. D. Woodward, in your name, on the 9th inst.

You will find enclosed a memorandum of the proceeds of your deposit, and the amount will be paid by us, at the Mint, to any one presenting our receipt, with your endorsement. You can get your money by either of the express lines, or probably by any broker or bank at Washington.

S

Respectfully

as

L. W. Hampton, Esq.
Treasury Dept
Washington

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston Aug 21st 1849

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you, that I have
not received any portion of the gold, or
silver, transmitted to you from this office,
for recoinage, on the 30th ulto.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. U. S.
Boston

To,

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Agent of the U. States,
Philad^a Aug^r. 20. 1849.

Sir, The deposit of gold referred to
in your letter of the 17th inst, and in one
of a former date, was made by A. G.
Howard, on the 3^d of July, and the
value of the same, being eight hundred
eighty nine & 700 dollars was paid to
him on the 26th of the same month.

Very respy
Yours &c
(signed) J. R. Snowden
Mear.

Wm. L. C. F. G. Bie,
Albany,
N. Y.

Baltimore Aug. 20th 1869

To the Treas. N. S. Mint
Philad.

Dear Sir

I have a certificate of 2502
gold deposited in my name July 18th 1869
No 793 - Will you please inform me of the
nature of the loan that I may draw for it.

Very respectfully yrs

James H. Hall
P.O. Building -

P.S. Please say if the certificate of deposit is to remain
from the 9th -

Washington City
August 19. 1849

Sir -

On the instant, I received enclosed in a letter from Mr. J. Sherwood, a receipt of the U. S. Mint at Philada. for some 30 ounces of Gold dust, which Mr. S. had brought me from California. The object of this communication is to request that you will remit me, or enable me to draw from the Treasury of the U. States here in this City, as early as practicable, the net proceeds of said Bullions.

Very Respy. Sir
Yours Olt. Svt
J. W. Hampton
Treasury Dept. Washn. DC.

Paid

Baltimore Aug. 18. 1849

R. W. Patterson Esq.

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have to thank you
for your very kind communication
under yesterday's date, and shall inform
our correspondents that you are again
at liberty to receive Nathan Cain,
with much respect, we are,

Yours Obedt. Servts,

A. W. Munroe

Albany Aug. 17th

Mr B. S. Snowden

Dear Sir

In answer to your
letter you informed me by letter of the 9th July
that in the course of eight or ten days you
would be able to pay the draft of my deposit
if sent by express I have now received it
if not sent And you could oblige me
by remitting a draft to my address you
would confer a great favour as I need
it very much at present

Respectfully yours

Levi C. Frick

paid N. C. Howard July 26/49

Aug 17, 1849

Memorandum of the deposit of Haytian
coin by Meyer & Stuckey, Aug. 9.

6488 ozs., weight before melting,
produced \$5214.35

(average fineness, 623 thms.)

deductions 158.37

net return, \$5055.98

Value per ounce (before melt^g) $77\frac{93}{100}$ cents.

In our letter we stated that the return must
probably be "75 cents per ounce, and might exceed
or fall short by one or two cents."

Assuming that this silver, which is simply
silver & copper, & perfectly ductile, will be melted
down with fine silver from the parting room, we
have, upon a small operation, the following gain:

Deductions as above, \$158.37

2426 ozs. copper alloy, say } 36.39
at $1\frac{1}{2}$ cts ————— 194.76

showing this to be one of the most desirable kinds of
bullion that we can receive. W&S Aug 17.

Albion N.Y.
Phil., Aug. 17, 1869.

Gentlemen,

About a year ago, I informed you that
the loss sustained by us, from the wearage of
May's coins, was so great, that we could not re-
ceive from you any further deposits of this kind.
Had it my duty now to let you know, that, under
a new tariff of charges adopted for the coin, these
coins can now be received. A deposit sent to us
by Messrs. Meyer & Stuckson of New York, yielded to
them 77.93 cents for coin.

R. M. F.
D.

To
Messrs. J. W. Brune & Son.
Baltimore.

Beale's lump, encrypted 021. 80.98
Usual deduction for dirt & }
2 1/2 percent, }
leaves 78.956
fineness 921
Value \$1499.80

6472.20 mod 15214.35

ufg, 158.37
\$ 5055.98

4481
900
4032900

7038070
8121100
8916970

6056175
8110520
7945655
623

77.95

U.S. Phil. Aug. 17/49

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst.

The bank of America has not yet sent for the value of your deposits: but when they do so they shall be paid without delay.

We shall be glad to receive a portion - say 10 lbs., of the unworked earth which has been sent to you from the Placer in California. We will make careful experiments upon it and let you know the results.

You have excited our curiosity by mentioning a lump of gold which you have in your possession, weighing nearly 100 oz. The largest that we have yet seen was brought from Cal. by Wendt Beale, which weighed 80.78 oz. It was for some time in our hands & we sent it to Mr. Conner. We found its fineness to be 921 thousandths, which is much above the average of Cal. gold. Making the usual deduction of 2 1/2 per cent for dust &c the weight of pure gold would be 78.956 and the value \$1499.50. This specimen under the name of the Placer lump of Cal. gold has been under exhibition in Barnum's Museum since it was received.

If you desire to know the fineness & value of your mysterious lump we will cheerfully do this for you if you will send the lump to the Analyst.

H. Thomas Esq.

A. A. P. 20

Know all Men by these Presents that I,
Henry Johnson of Newburgh in the County of
Essex and State of Massachusetts as I am
Administrator of the goods & estate which
were of John N. Cushing late of said New-
burgh deceased, do hereby constitute and
appoint Cabot Cushing of said Newburgh
to be my lawful Attorney in my name &
stead to demand and receive at the Mint
of the United States in the City of Philadel-
phia, from the Treasurer thereof or other proper
authority, the proceeds of three bags of gold
dust marked with the name of John N.
Cushing aforesaid and deposited at said
Mint by Albert Clark of New York &
by him designated by the marks (C), or how-
soever the same be otherwise described, said
gold being the lawful property of the said
John N. Cushing deceased, and to execute
& deliver sufficient receipt & discharge there-
for in my name & stead: Also to demand
& receive from John Filbrick Jr of the City of
Boston, or from the President Directors & Com-
pany of the Shawmut Bank in the City of Boston
or from Albert Clark aforesaid, or from any other
person or persons whatever, the said gold or the
proceeds thereof, or the receipt or certificate of

said deposit given by the Treasurer or other officer
of said Mint. And to ascertain & deliver up
sufficient receipt & discharge therefor. And to
adjust & pay any charges on said gold due
to said Gilbert, or said Clark or any other
person. And to take & perform any law-
ful measures & acts which may be requi-
site for the receipt and recovery of said
gold, to the estate of said John St. Luking
deceased. And to appoint & substitute
an attorney or attorneys under him: & I
the said Henry Johnson as such Administrator
hereby attesting & certifying whatever the
said Caleb Luking or his substitute shall
lawfully do in the premises in virtue of
these Presents.

2. In witness I have hereunto affixed my
name & seal at said New-haven the 13th
day of August A.D. one thousand eight
hundred & forty seven.

the presence of Harry, Oliver and Adam

State of Massachusetts, County of Essex & Town of
Newburyport. Be it known that on the day of
the date hereof personally appeared the said
Henry Johnson Administrator & acknowledged the

Imaging letter of Attorney by him executed to be
his free act & deed.

Witness my hand & seal of office at
Newburyport this 14th, day of August
A.D. eighteen hundred & forty nine.

John B. Smassey
Not. Public.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. Aug^t. 14. 1849

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th inst is received.
The deposit referred to was made by Mr.
Albert Clark and the Mint receipt given
to him. Mr. Cushing's name does not appear in
the transaction, but Mr. Clark stated that part
of the gold belonged to Mr. Cushing, and that
part is marked on the Bullion book "C."

I apprehend you and Mr. Clark can readily
arrange the business, and would suggest
that you and he employ ~~say Messrs Adams~~
~~of Adams & Co. to send him~~ ^{say} Messrs Adams & Co. to ~~send the proceeds~~ take
charge of the proceeds and deliver the
part due the estate of Mr. Cushing to you and
the ~~rest~~ to balance to Mr. Clark. I presume
if you address Mr. Clark on the subject he
will unite with you in this arrangement, and
send the Mint receipt ^{assigned to} Messrs Adams & Co.
who will deliver the proceeds accordingly.

I would be pleased to hear from you and
learn how the deposit is being disposed of.

Very Respectfully,
Yours &c. J. M. Cushing

James R. Mann

Washington Aug 13th 1849

My dear Sir

I recd yours containing a statement of the quantity & proceeds of the gold which I sent you - The large lump was second in size to one which I saw here - That I think weighed nearly 100 oz - The boulders of gold & quartz had evidently received much friction - I have probably 50 lbs of the unwashed earth as it was dug from the places - Is it worth the experiment, or have you tried it, or collecting the gold by the amalgam or acids?

I have transferred the receipt to the Bank of America New York. to whom order you will please deliver the proceeds

I am very Respectfully

Yours

T. Erving

Dear Robt Patterson
U.S. Mint Phila

Washington.

12th August 1849.

My dear Sir,

His Excellency, Mr. Carrasco, Ambassador to from Chile, is desirous to obtain information respecting the Mink and Carriage of our country, which have been brought to such perfection under your charge.

Knowing the pleasure you have ever taken in imparting useful knowledge, I have taken the liberty to assure His Excellency, you will readily furnish all he may desire for the Chilean government and render every facility within your control.

I had hoped to greet you again prior to departing for my new home on the 14th, but this may not be, and in thus commending to you my wishes, I trust you will believe, the memory of your kindness and that of Mr. Patterson in years long past, will never be dimmed.

Very faithfully & truly

Your friend,

S. W. Gillis.

R. W. Patterson Esq.

Director Mink &c.

Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. Sept. 10. 1879.

Sir,

Your letter of the 8. th inst is received,
~~your note~~ I herewith enclose to you. an account
in which the error, ~~noted in your~~ to which
you call my attention, is corrected.
I deem it proper to say that the amount
of bonus draft No. 4, being for \$ 131,150, is
correctly entered on the books of the Mint,
and that the error occurred only in the
account forwarded.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your ob^t Serv^t.

Samuel R. Anderson
Treas^r.

William Selders Esq
Dea^r, U.S.
Washington City.

Dr The United States Treasury Account Cr

| | Dollars | Cts | | Dollars | Cts |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|--|------------|
| 1849 | | | July 10 | By balance, as per last statement | 710,000 00 |
| July 28 | To Balance | 841,150 00 | 27 | this amount recd from the Ass ^t | |
| | | | | Recd at New York, W. W. Rensselaer's Draft | |
| | | | | No. 4, dated 24 th inst | 131,150 00 |
| | | | | | 841,150 00 |



Wm. W. Rensselaer
 United States Treasury Office
 Philadelphia 28 July 1849
 (Signed) James L. Smith
 Recd

Newburyport Aug^t 10th 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th. Mr. Clark had no right to take a receipt for the three bags of gold marked John A. Cushing, his agency in the matter having been voluntary and merely accidental, and he having no property in the gold.

I therefore request that the assails may be held subject to my order, as I have already written to the Treasurer.

Very respectfully

Chas. C. Smith

Henry Johnson Adm^r

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10, 1849.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed memorandum will show you the proceeds of the California gold, deposited in your name, on the 4th inst. — If you will send me the Mint Receipt, endorsed to the order of Adams & Co., the amount due to you shall be sent to you by this Express Line.

In the ~~deposit~~ ^{gold which you sent from you} there was a lump of gold which weighed 19.05 oz., and it is the largest from California that has yet been deposited at the Mint. It was assayed separately, and its fineness proved to be 916 thousandths, which is much above the average of California gold.

There was ^{also} in your deposit, ~~another interesting specimen, which was~~ a pebble of quartz, with gold grains spread through it, weighing 3.97 oz. We were at first desirous of preserving this interesting specimen, and for this purpose it was necessary to determine the weight of gold in the pebble, without destroying it. For this object we had the following data.

The specific gravity of the gold — = 19.7

" " quartz = 2.6

" " compound = 5.6

The weight of the compound — = 3.97 oz.

From these data, the weight of gold was found,
by the celebrated problem of Archimedes, to be 2.45 oz.

Subsequently, the pulle was sacrificed, and the gold
~~was separated from it~~ the weight of the gold in it found
to be 2.45 oz.; thus confirming, very satisfactorily,
the result found by calculation.

The gold in the pulle was separately assayed, and
it reached the high fineness of 957 thousandths.

There is a remarkable remark that the fineness
of the whole mass should have proved to be exactly
standard.

Very respectfully,

Your friend & servant,

R. M. Patterson.

Wm. Thomas Ewing.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COUNTY OF ESSEX, ss. PROBATE OFFICE.

I *Nathaniel Lord junior*, register of probate for said county, hereby certify, that on the *sixteenth* day of *January*, A. D. 1849,

Henry Johnson,
Newburyport in said county, *merchant*,
was appointed administrator of the goods and estate of *John N. Cushing*, late of *Newburyport* in said county, *merchant*, deceased, intestate, having given bond according to law for the faithful discharge of his said trust; as appears by the records in said office; and that it does not appear by said records, that said *Henry Johnson* has become disqualified to act in his capacity of administrator as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this *seventeenth* day of *January*, A. D. 1849.

Nath. Lord jr.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Essex ss: This may certify to all to whom these presents may come, that on the day of the death of *John N. Cushing*, the said *Nathaniel Lord junior*, was Register of Probate for said County of Essex.
Witness my hand & seal of office this day and year last written.

John B. Loring
Notary Public

Newburyport Aug 9th 1859

Sir,

I have information this day that three bags of gold dust from California belonging to the Estate of the late John A. Cushing deceased, of which I am Administrator, and deposited at the Mint on the 1st instant by Mr Albert Clark of New York, have been assayed, and amounts to \$10,793.69,cts.

I had supposed that Mr Clark made the deposit at the Mint, subject to the order of the owner, John A. Cushing, but it would appear, from a letter of his received this day, that he proposes to draw out the avails, implying that the deposit was made subject to his order.

As he has no authority to receive the avails of the deposit, I request you to hold them payable to my order only.

I enclose the evidence of my authority as administrator of John A. Cushing.

I am

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Henry Robinson

Newburyport Aug 9th 1849

G. M. Wood Esq

Dear Sir,

I received on the 5th instant, from Mr Albert Clark, New York, a letter notifying me that three bags of gold dust from California, marked 'Schmidt Cushing Newburyport', enclosed in a box with other gold dust belonging to the owners of the Brig Coeline, had arrived by the Crescent City, and been conveyed by him to the mint at Philadelphia.

I have this day received through Mr Clark the assay of this gold, giving net \$10,793.69, & it seems to be implied by the tenor of Mr Clark's letter accompanying the assay, that he proposes to draw the avails of the deposit from the Mint.

I have not given Mr Clark any authority to do this, and prefer of course to do it myself. I do not mean by this to reflect at all on Mr Clark, who, in depositing the gold dust at the Mint, seems to have pursued an upright & honorable course, although I should have preferred to have had the consignment held subject to my order in New York.

I beg of you to do me the favor to call on the Treasurer of the Mint, & represent to him the state of the facts, and the character and

standing of the late John A. Cushing's commercial
house; and take all the proper steps, (by legal
process if necessary) to see that the avails of
the deposit are not drawn from the Unit
except by my order.

Respectfully

Yours ob^d serv^t

Henry Robinson New

Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 8/49

My dear Sir,

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 7th inst, with the encl. sup. & state. The draft being for the sum of \$295 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ was cashed for me by the Philad. Bank, and the amount placed in the ordinary fund of the Mint.

In compliance with your request I enclose to you a Receipted account, which I hope will be satisfactory.

I am Sir

(S^d) James Ross Torrance
Treasr

J. M. McKean, Esq.
Agent Treas. Dept
Washington D.C.

Treasury of the U.S. States
August 8, 1849

J. Rept. Snowden Esq.
Trans. Mt. Mint, Philadelphia.
Sir,

In your last statement of
Bullion &c you have credited for Transfer draft
No 4 - \$ 131,500 - instead of \$ 131,150 - making the
balance too large by \$ 350 - Please furnish a
corrected statement.

Very respectfully,
Yours obedient

Wm. A. R. D.
Trans. U.S. States

Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 8/49

Sir,

I have rec'd this morning, your letter of the 4th inst, regarding a deposit of gold dust made by Mr. Albert Black, a part of which you mention as belonging to the estate of the late John M. Bushing.

Mr. Black deposited 6 parcels of gold, and all of them in his own name, - stating, however, to the clerk that received them, that three, marked C, were for Mr. Bushing. Their weights & values are as follows:

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| C. No. 1, wts. | 227.98 | \$4081.61 |
| C. " 2 | 236.30 | 4262.10 |
| C. " 3 | 136.42 | 2449.98 |
| | <u>600.70</u> | <u>10,793.69</u> |

The Mint Receipt having been made in the name of Mr. Albert Black, alone, the proceeds can be paid only to his endorsement on the receipt.

The payment may probably be made in a week from this time.

Henry Johnson Esq
Newbury Port.

Rm. P. S.

Treasury Department
August 7. 1829.

Sir

I have the pleasure to enclose a check
in your favor for \$295⁰⁰100 being the amount of your
charge upon the Customs for the Transportation of foreign Coins
for recoinage at the Mint.

Be pleased to send me
an acknowledgement in the form of a Debt Receipt of the
Treasury Department - stating the nature of the charges - to be
filed as a voucher with my accounts.

I am very Resp^lly
D. M. McKean ASD.

J. Robt Snowden Esq
Tre. Mint.



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Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, and Wheeling
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Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

New-York, 7th August 1859.

Received of *Meyer Stucken*
Two Kegs Specie, value
Forty six Hundred Seventy Two Dollars
Marked, *R. M. Patterson Esq.*
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.
and sealed as per Margin
to be delivered unbroken

to be forwarded as addressed, free of fire, water, breakage,
leakage and perils of the sea, excepted, *signed and sealed*
For Adams J. Co. *James*

No. 110. Stationers and Printers, for Mail and Water etc.

New York, 7th August 1879

Sir,

Your esteemed favor of 8th inst. is at hand and we feel obliged for the information, it contains.

To day we beg to enclose Receipts of Adams & Co. for two Kegs of specie to your address. The Kegs contain together \$19,550.00 Mexican Coin, which you will please cause to be coined into United States Currency, and forward the proceeds to us at your earliest convenience.

We remain Dear Sir

Yours very respectfully

Wm. J. Tucker

C. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

(Copy)

Philad^a Aug. 6/1849

Dear Sir; I have received your letter of the 4th inst.,
I feel satisfied that you did not intend any dis-
respect to me in sending the present referred to,
and that, as you state, it was done without due
reflection. In this point of view your letter is satis-
factory, and your apology sufficient. The circumstances
shall not, therefore, interrupt our friendly relations. I
enclose to you Fifteen dollars the price of the wine.
I paid Harnden's Express for the transportation.

James K. Folsom

I remain

Respectfully
New York

New York Aug 21 1849
Sir! Your letter of the 2nd inst is before
me and its contents gives me pain as it
leads me to suppose that I have offended
you. Believe me my dear Sir had I for a
moment considered, that you would think
it improper to receive the trifling present
from one on whom your kindness has made
an impression never to be effaced nothing
could have induced me to send it. Your
resolution not to receive even the most trif-
ling present from one with whom you have
public business, is a very just one, and
worthy of you, & a moment's reflection
would have shown me the impropriety of
sending it. But I did not reflect that
moment, but as soon as the Packets came
to my house, (I sent it as a present from
a friend) I sent it to you with the letter.
Thinking you would receive it in the spirit
I sent it. But as I above said I fear my
momentary reflection offended you & I hope you
will forgive me. You desire to know the
price on enquiry I find it to be from 15
to 17 1/2 cts. Until I shall receive your letter
informing me that I have your forgiveness
if I have offended you I shall be uneasy.

Please me with
great respect your oldest
friend
J. D.

M. Swinden Esq
Pho

Newburyport August 4th 1849

Sir,

I learn from Mr Albert Clark
that he has deposited at the Mint three bags
of gold dust, weighing 600⁷/₁₀₀ ounces, belonging
to the Estate of the late John A. Cushing of
which I am Administrator. I beg of you to
do me the favor to send me the assay when
completed, and to inform me at what time
the deposit will be subject to draft.

I am

Very respectfully
Henry Peterson

The Director of the
Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint U.S. Phil. Aug. 4/49

Dear Sir,

I received your parcel of gold, this morning
viz from Mr. Johnson, and I now send enclosed
a receipt for the deposit.

The whole weight, you will see, is 37.34 oz. In
the bag there was a lump of gold which weighed
19.05 oz. and is the largest from Cal. that has
yet been deposited at this Mint. There is be-
sides, an interesting specimen of gold grains,
spread throughout a pebble of quartz. Its weight
is 3.97 oz.

When the assays are made, I will write to
you again.

Yours
R. M. B.

Wm. Thomas Ewing.

Philad^a August 2^o 1849

Dear Sir

On my return from Cape May, where I had been spending a few days, I found on my table your letter of the 24th ult. and also ascertained that the basket of Champagne therein referred to, had been left at my house. I avail myself of the earliest opportunity to say, that I decline to receive it as a present from you. My first impression was to send it back to you, but the most convenient course will be for me to pay you its value. You will therefore inform me without delay, what the price or value of the article is, and I will forward it to you - if not informed within a few days, I will return the basket to you.

In taking the course above stated, it is only necessary to add that I deem it improper to receive a valuable present from any one with whom I transact public business. it is the course I have uniformly observed in all cases.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Copy.
Mr. B. Peare
N. York.

Samuel R. P. Alexander

Mint of the United States,
Philad.^a August 1. 1849.

Sir,

I have received your letter
of the 30th ult. and also Mr. Moser Adams &
the amount of gold and silver foreign coins
therein stated, viz:

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| For gold coins | \$ 61,568.34 |
| Silver — | 1,020.00 |
| Amount | \$ 62,588.34 |

Our supply of gold dollars is at present
exhausted, but I expect a delivery
in a few days, when it will give me pleasure
to send the amount requested; as the double-
eagle will not be coined for some time,
I will send the balance in eagles.

I will endeavor to comply with your request
as to the silver dollars.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Franklin Bland

Wm. Franklin Bland, Esq.,
Care of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Unit U. S. Phil. Aug. 1/49

Sir, You will find answers to nearly all the inquiries made in your letter of yesterday in a pamphlet which I send to you.

The valuation of the pound Sterling at $4\frac{4}{9}$ had its origin as follows:

The British Guinea, though its legal weight was higher, was found to have the average weight of 126 grains, and it was reckoned at 21 shillings Sterling. Consequently the gold corresponding to the Pound Sterling would be 120 grains. The weight of the American Eagle up to the end of July 1834 was 270 grains; and the British & American Standards were up to that time the same, namely $\frac{11}{12}$ lbs. Hence the value of the pound Sterling in our coin - both being in gold - will be determined by the following proportion.

$$270 : 120 :: 10 : 4\frac{4}{9}$$

R. M. P.

D. T. Tucker, Esq

Baltimore.

U.S. Mint,
Philad^a Aug⁶ 1849.

Sir, I herewith, forward you
the weekly statement ending the
28th ult., shewing the state of the Bullion
and public money dep^t in the Mint, by
the Treas^r of the U.S.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c &c
(signed) James R. Snowden
Treas^r

Wm. A. Seligman, Esq.
New York

C.

Monday May Aug 1849

R M Patterson Esq

Director U S Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of directing
to your address, a Box containing specimens of
Silver ore from the mine of Alisal about
20 miles from the town, which I should feel
obliged to you as a favor to have analyzed
by your assayers in the United States Mint, as if
it incompatible with their duties.

I hope, my dear Sir, you will excuse the liberty
I take in ^{requesting} ~~requesting~~ this favor, but supposing
that the examination of such ores when taken
from Mines in United States Territories within your
province as Director of the Mint, and that your
Scientific taste where in the line of Metallurgy
and Mineralogy, I am thought you would be gratified
in receiving the specimens of Alisal sent you.

The mine of Alisal is an old one, that

is, as to examination and partial exploration. Silver
has been got from it at different times, but labor
being scarce and high in California before the
discovery of the gold mines & still more so since,
and the owners of the land not having sufficient funds
to carry on the working of the mine, nothing has
been done with it, with a view to profit. It now
belongs to John H. Morado, W. C. P. Bartlett & myself
and we hope in the course of a year also, with capitalists
who are willing to engage in the scheme, to do something
with it. By that time the price of labor will have
fallen, from the unhealthiness of the gold districts
& the thousands of laborers from all parts coming
into the country there the most of them must stop.

The mine is situated the best I have heard of
in any part of the world for being worked cheaply
and profitably. It is situated but 100 feet or more
from the rim of a plain (the Salinas) which opens
on every road for carts to the sea, of only 20 miles.
The stone is very easily worked - plenty of timber
for burning and building, also clay and lime, and the
rights to the mine extend over nearly 12 miles of
land for all minerals & the deeds are in perpetuity &
forever.

There is a hole dug (previous to my connection with it)
of 20 feet deep by 10 wide. The top layers are limestone
& other stone, mixed with the silver ore, and the specimens
I have sent you are I expect poor, as we have not yet
presented the laborers to dig further. As many
Silver Miners from Sonora, are now returning
from the gold mines very much disappointed with
the results of their labor, and hope in a short time
to procure better specimens, of which I shall take
the liberty of selecting for yourself. The land on which
the mine is situated is dry all the year round. The
lower layers of the mineral are mostly of a soft
sulphureous stone or to appearance so. It has also
great advantage in being within 40 miles of the
Quicksilver Mine of Gates, at Santa Clara, a level
road all the way, except a distance of 7 or 8 miles through
the mountains of San Juan.

Any further information that you may desire
that is in my power to give you, concerning the mine,
of California, you may at all times command. The
country is filled with highly curious specimens of
ores and rocks and I hope you shall soon have through

Geological examination of the country by the U.S.
Government. This mine of silver is the only verified
Silver mine yet discovered in Upper California, but
we do not know but others may be found in time as
there are many indications of it in the country.

Remains

My dear Sir

Alexander J. Taylor

P.S.

Write ref. you to ^{the} Lt. Sherman U.S.A. for
knowledge of myself & Mr. H. H. H. and the mine.

The Box of Ore I have sent by the hands of
Mr. W. H. H. who goes to New York via Panama
by the Steamer California which leaves today.
He may leave the box at Harnden Ho. in N. York
if not coming to Phila.

United States Mint,
Philad^a, Sept. 29, 1849.

Sir, I, herewith, forward you,
the accounts of copper coinage, for
the quarter ending the 31st day of
Sept. 1849, which I hope you will
find to be correct.

Very respy,
Yours obed^tly,
(signed) J^r R. Snowden
Treas^r

To John C. Clark, Esq.
First Auditor of the Treasury,
Washington.

U. S. Mint
Philad^a Sept. 29, 1849.

Sir, I herewith forward you,
the quantity stated ending this day
showing the state of the Bullion and
public money deposited in the Mint
by the Treasurer of the U. S. States.

Very respectfully,
Your Obo. Servant,
(signed)
Jas. R. Snodden
Mint.

To
William Selden Esq,
Treasurer of the U. S.,
Washington. }

Baltimore Sep 28 1844
D. Treasurer of Mount of Zion
Sir

On 20 Inst I had the
pleasure of receiving your receipt (at the right)
for 44⁹² By Gold I sent for Compt - I will
be pleased to let know when I may draw for
the amount in money - Requesting you not
to think your answer the care of another
and respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

Direct to No 12 Commerce St

Chas. Pitt

Unit U. S. Phil. Sept. 26/49

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th inst,
and also per Messrs Adams & Co the amount of
foreign gold therein stated, viz. \$57,726.

I will transmit the value of this deposit
to you at as early a period as possible.

Franklin Hanson, Esq
Am. Cons. Agent
Boston Mass.

(S.) James Benbow
Esq.

Mont U.S. Phil. Sept. 26/47

Sir,

I have recd. your letter of the 25th inst asking for half
a dozen copies of the published regulations of the Mint.

I send you six pamphlets containing all the legal enact-
ments on the subject except the act of the 3rd of March last regard-
ing the coinage of double eagles and gold dollars. These I hope
will be satisfactory. The only regulations, properly so called, which
have been printed, are those relative to the tariff of seigniorage
on gold and silver received for coinage; a few copies of which
I also send you.

If any other information is desired I will be happy
to communicate it.

Allen S. Hall, Esq.

Register of the Treasury

Washington

Yours faithfully

Pres.

Nb. U.S.
Ph. Sep. 26. 1849

Sir, I send you today per Messrs.
Adams & Co the amt. of your dep. of gold
coins made on the 5th inst

Ans. in Eagles \$ 50,000
in gold dollars 10,000
\$ 60,000

I send you as many gold dollars
as I can. The silver deposited
made at the same time with the above.
I will send you whenever I can
supplies with the kind of coin
requested by you.

Very Resp
ly &c

(Signed) J. R. Taylor

Franklin Haven Esq
New York
Boston

Know all men by these presents, that we Joseph M. Watson and
D. Spencer Kirby of the City of New York are held
and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia, in the penal sum of Three hundred and sixty seven
dollars lawful money of the United States to be paid to the said
Treasurer or his successor in office, to which payment well and
truly to be made we bind ourselves, and each of us by himself
and in the whole, our heirs executors and administrators, and
each of us firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, dated
this twenty sixth day of September A.D. 1849.

Whereas one John Erskine, now deceased, late a gunner in
the United States Naval Service, deposited before his death certain
gold dust in the United States Mint at Philadelphia to be coined,
the proceeds of which is now claimed by Margaretta Erskine of
the City of New York, the mother of said John Erskine as his heir at
law he having died intestate without children. Now the
Condition of the above obligation is such, that on the payment of
the proceeds of the said gold dust by the Treasurer of the said mint
to the said Margaretta Erskine, or her order, the above obligors
well in case of any legal claim or claims being presented for
the said proceeds by heirs, or others, of said John Erskine, will
well and truly refund, or save harmless, the said Treasurer in
regard to the payment of said proceeds.

Sealed and delivered in the
presence of
August Warner

Joseph M. Watson

D. Spencer Kirby

State of New York
City and County of New York ss: Margaretta Cookin of
said City, being duly sworn, says that John Cookin late
a gunner in the United States Naval Service, now deceased,
was her son, that he died intestate, that he has no
children and left no wife surviving him.

Margaretta Cookin

State of New York
City and County of New York ss: Be it remembered that
on this 26th day of September 1891 before me Andrew
Warner a Commissioner for the State of Pennsylvania
for the City of New York authorized to administer oaths &c.
personally came the above named Margaretta Cookin
who being by me duly sworn deposed that the contents
of the above affidavit were in all respects just
and true.



Given under my hand and seal
this day and year aforesaid.

Andrew Warner
Pennsylvania Commissioner

Treasury Department
Register Office
Sept. 25. 1849.

Sir

If they can be conveniently, please
be pleased to forward to me, half a dozen
copies of the Published Regulations of the
mint;

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Yr Obedt Servt
Allen A. Hall

Genl. R. Snowden Esq.
Asst. Treasr. to Secy.
Philadelphia

Robt. M. Patterson Esq.

September 24, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that there may possibly be some assistance needed in the mint, and that some hands will probably be employed in a little while. If so I would most earnestly recommend the selection of Robert Cerrito from Washington City. He comes highly recommended to me.

Yours,

JMS

John H. Atwood.

Dr. Patterson.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer
of the U.S. Boston Sept. 24 1869

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. together with the Gold Cheque stated. —

I transmit to you, this day, under charge of Adams & Co.

Fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and ^{dollars} (57,726) in foreign gold, and I shall be happy to have the amount returned to me in such American gold coins as it shall meet your convenience to furnish with the least delay.

I remain Very Respectfully

Yours Ob^d. Servant,

Sam^l R. Snowden, Esq.
Treas. U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas.^r

Wash. D.C. Phil. 22 Sept. 1879

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., I have the honor to state that the amount of available funds at the time on hand in amount of the undistributed & contingent expenses of the Mint, is \$3871. On the ~~other hand~~ ^{the payment of our ordinary expenses for the remainder of the present fiscal year, and on the balance of we rely on the above balance, and on the sum of \$3846 appropriated for this year, in addition to available funds on hand, under which we include the sum of \$7,344 ^{of last year's appropriation} ~~which was the last fiscal year~~, and called for in my letter of the 19th inst.}

You remark that when this last sum of \$7,344 shall have been transmitted "there will remain to the credit of the appropriation the sum of \$3950.39, for the service of the remainder of the present fiscal year." This exceeds what we have supposed ourselves entitled to, by \$104.39. We are at a loss to account for this difference. A key to the explanation may perhaps be found in the fact that this amount is precisely the same with that which, by instructions from the Comptroller of the Treasury, of the 16th of March last, we paid ^{only 3144 of the same amount} from the ~~the~~ ^{to the} legal representative of the late Mr. Tindley, Treasurer of the Mint & Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. This sum was charged in our ordinary account for the 1st quarter, and has been regularly adjusted at the Treasury, as appears from a letter of the Comptroller of the 1st of June.

Yours truly,
R. A. B.

Wm. M. Meredith
Secy of Treasury.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

22. Sept 1849.

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and retain it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James P. Seward Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Baltimore
Sept 22^d 1849.

Sir,

I rec^d \$453.80 yesterday, accompanied by a "memo-
= randum of Gold Bullion deposited 13th of Sept
1849 at the Mint Philadelphia by G. Norton
for me - will you please inform me if you care, if
Mr Norton lives in Philadelphia so I may address
him in the future -

Very Respectfully

J. M. Chatham.

W. B. F. T. S.

Lieut. Comd^r of U. S. Ship Lexington

Treasury Department
August 21st 1849.

Sir,

In reply to the request contained in your letter of the 19th inst. I have this day directed a remittance of the sum of \$6,000 to be made to James R. Snowden Treasurer &c. on account as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Salaries of
Officers &c. | 4,600 |
| Wages of Workmen | 2,000 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| Specimens of coins
to be issued
at the Mint &c.
March 8 th 1849. | 300 |
|--|-----|

Before directing a remittance of the further sum of \$7,344 requested also, in your letter, from the appropriation for the last fiscal year, I wish thank you to inform me of the amount of available funds at this time, on hand, on account of the incidental & contingent expenses of the Mint. The appropriation made for these expenditures by the Act of Congress of March 3rd 1849, is \$3846. Should the sum of \$7,344 be now transmitted there would remain to the credit of the appropriation the sum of \$3,950.39 for the service of the remainder of the present fiscal year. Upon receiving your reply, in moderate attention, will with pleasure be given to the subject of the further remittance of \$7,344 requested as above stated.

Very Respectfully Sir,
I remain Dear Sir, &c.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Penna.

W. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have to apologise for a strange mistake which has put you under the necessity of writing. By some inadvertence, a Memorandum ~~was sent to a Mr. Adams in N. York~~ ^{intended for you,} and it now appears to be that ~~which should have been sent to your address~~. I now send the true Memorandum to the true address.

R. M. P.

Dr.

W

Amos Davis, Esq.
Fredericksburg, Va.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for ^{fifteen} ~~ten~~ thousand ^{two hundred forty five} ~~one hundred~~ dollars, out of the appropriations of the current fiscal year; ~~also~~.

For Salaries of Officers and Clerks \$4,000.

" Wages of workmen, ——— 2,000.

" Specimens of ore and coins 300

And out of the appropriations for the last fiscal year, \$6,900.

Also, for seven thousand three hundred

~~and forty five~~ dollars, out of the

~~appropriation of the last fiscal year,~~

For for incidental & contingent expenses, — \$7,300.

In all, \$14,200

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1849.

Li.

to the plant, from California, by

The gold deposited brought from the "Empire City," since the
14th inst., amounts to upwards of \$500,000; and it has come to
us with a large quantity of California gold, ^{if the above kind is to go} still going, though
the proceeds required for paying from it the silver with which
~~it contains~~
~~some accompanying it.~~ For this operation, ^{and arrangements} are being made,
~~arrangements~~ The arrangements required for this operation, ^{of our satisfaction}
is large as such as is now making, are not yet completed,
although every exertion has been made to accomplish this object.
The consequence is that the coinage is far in arrears of the
deposits; the amount due to depositors exceeding a million
of dollars. With a little more time for ~~paying~~ settling
our new arrangements ^{fuller} ~~just operations,~~ and with the government
deposit undisturbed ^{we expect} ~~this state of things can certainly~~
be corrected, and prompt payment be made to the depos-
itors.

There is a draft notice received to-day, by Mr. Tamm from the Department of Finance, for \$200,000. Even this moderate amount ~~embarrasses~~ us is seriously felt by us, and has led to the disaffection of our depositors. Our Treasurer informs me that he has a large balance on hand in the Assistant Treasury. ^{a fortnight} Can it not, he asks, be used to replenish the draft of \$200,000? Can not the direction of the draft be changed so the amount be restored to the Education Fund from the Assistant Treasury?

R. M. P.

John Wm. M. Meredith

Secretary of the League

New York Sept 19th 1849
S. Patterson Esq
Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir -

By the U.S. Ship
Dale - Mr O C Pratt of San Francisco
Shipped a Bag of "Gold Dust" marked
J. E. Taylor but the greater portion of it on
my account - as the Gold was sent to the
Mint on arrival I had expected the
proceeds would have been returned ere this
I would therefore feel obliged by your sending
one for my government a copy of the assay
of the above Gold and also mention at what
time the return of the coin may be expected

Respectfully Yours &c.

M. Holmes
170 West Street N.Y.

The package of earth from the gold region of Cal^a has been received, and will be subjected to ~~the examination proposed by~~ a critical examination by Mr Eckfeldt as soon as the pressure of business occasioned by the last arrival of gold shall be abated. - We would suggest that there is evidently a misapprehension on the part of the Secretary, as to the use of acid in the extraction of the particles of gold, it does not which he speaks of, ^{along} with the process of washing, & amalgamation, as a third & distinct method. It is simply a means of facilitating the process of amalgamation, which it is ~~for~~ believed by Mr E. will be useful ^{under} ~~some~~ certain conditions; which however ^{he wd not be willing to affirm} ~~cannot be stated~~ publicly, without ~~an~~ extended experiments, in large operations, for which the managers have taken steps to institute, but for which the opportunity cannot occur until the ^{cost of} ~~transport~~ from the mines down to the sea coast shall have been materially reduced. By a letter from an intelligent ^{scientific} friend at San F., dated August 1st, we are informed that the ^{charge} ~~freight~~ was then 20 cents a pound, and had fallen to that, from one dollar. - The third process, which there really is, & which is ~~much more~~ probably applicable in the case, is that of ~~direct~~ smelting. The gentleman alluded to, a very competent judge, says "my ~~opinion continues unabated, that~~ confidence in the richness of some of the auriferous earth, & the expediency of shipping it abroad, for the purpose of being smelted, is not abated."

and who is a man of science, and a competent judge, ~~in the matter~~,
says: "My confidence in the richards of some of the anonymous
letters, and the expediency of shipping it ~~abroad~~ abroad for the
purpose of being smelted, is not abated."

Very respectfully
truly yours,
R.M.P.

Wm. Thomas Lewis
Secretary of the Bureau.

Fredricksburg Va Sept 17 1829

To the Treasurer of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I enclose a Certificate
of deposit of \$8⁹²/₁₀₀ - Bars of gold left
by myself for coinage at the Mint
I directed to have a Certificate of
the Assay sent to me at Fredricks-
burg Va and as it has not yet
come to hand I feared that my
address was not mentioned & wish
if you have not inclosed it to
see you would have the goodness
to do so at once as I have this Co
in a few days

Respectfully yours

Amos Davis

Treasury of the United States
Sept. 27th 1849

Sir,
I have this day issued a transfer Draft on you, viz.
No. 15. in favor of the Treasurer U.S. for \$200,000.
payable in American Gold Coin.

I am respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant
to the
Treasurer U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia

2^d 788. 23/100
Trans. M. L.

To the Treasurer of the Mint at
Philadelphia

New York 14th Sept 1779

Dear Sir

On the 8th inst I deposited at the
Mint two lots of Silver bullion w^g together as per your
receipt 1779th ounces. As I have not as yet received the
Statement will you be kind enough to forward it to me
if its ~~its~~ presume it is ready? I oblige your most humble

Y^{rs} &c

A. T. Rutledge

Mount of the U. States,
Philada. Sept. 12, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the
11th. inst., and also per Men. Adams the
the amount of foreign gold coins
therein stated, viz - \$4,171.03.

I will pay the amount of this deposit
in the kind of coins you wish, as soon
as possible.

Very res^t
Yours &c
(signed) J. Ross Snowden
Mason

Geo. P. Kane Esq
Collector & Depository
at Baltimore
Md.

New York, Sept. 14, 1849.

Collection & Disposition Office
Baltimore Sept 11th 1849.

Sir,

On the preceding page you will find a statement of,
and receipt for Money Amount \$4. for Five bags containing
Foreign Gold Coins amounting to Five thousand, one hundred
and seventy one + $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,171 $\frac{23}{100}$) This day has been sent to
the office for receiving. You will very much oblige me by
returning the amount to this office at your earliest con-
venience, and in the following Descriptions of coin if pos-
sible viz

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| American Gold, | \$4,000.00 |
| cents | 50.43 |
| Dimes | 50.00 |
| Half Dimes | 71.00 |
| | <u>\$4,171.03</u> |

We are much in need of the small coin named above
and will take it as a great favor if you will furnish them
to about the amount indicated.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant

To

Mr. Ross, Treasurer
Baltimore, Md.
Philadelphia

Geo. T. Ham
Cash

Statement of Foreign Gold Coins sent to the
United States Mint in Philadelphia for assay
+ Co. Express Sept 1849

| | | duc | n | |
|--------|---------|-------|----|------------|
| N.1 | English | 2492. | 12 | \$2,357.90 |
| 2 | | 1494. | 12 | 1,410.91 |
| 3 | French | 248. | 12 | 224.20 |
| 4 | Danish | | | 176.92 |
| Total. | | | | \$4,171.03 |

Baltimore Sept 1849. Received
from George P. Kane Esq. Collector and Deputy of the
Public Money in Baltimore, Penn. box, said to contain
Foreign Gold Coins amounting to the sum of Four
thousands, one hundred and seventy one $\frac{93}{100}$ dollars,
which are to be delivered to the Treasurer of the United
States Mint in Philadelphia, the usual charges my
expressors.

Samuel Shanks
Prop. Express

Department of the Interior,
Washington, September 7 1869

Dear Sir,

I have put up (and will send to you
by express) one some 10 lbs of the loose earth from
one of the placers in California, to be subjected to the
experiments which you were kind enough to propose
to apply to it. And allow me to suggest, that
I deem it important to ascertain the difference
in the quantity of gold which can be procured
from a given weight of the earth (the same being
well pulverized and mixed, so as to make it in
all respects equal) by washing - by an amalgam
of Quicksilver, and by the use of the muriatic acid.
The information may be important in the future
management of the mines.

I send also some specimens of Quartz and other
solid minerals from the same locality.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yr. obedient

Doct. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. Irving
Secretary

Wt. of U.S.
Ph. Sep. 6/49.

Sir, I have rec^d from Messrs. Adams & Co.
the amt. of for. gold and silver coins stated
in your letter of the 3^d inst. The amount is
deposited for coinage in the usual manner;
the proceeds of which I will forward at as
early a day as possible, and will endeavor
to comply with your request as to the kind
of coin to be sent to you. I regret to say
that although the double eagle is in progress
yet I cannot state when I will be able
to receive any from the Chief Coiner.

I also enclose to you the memorandum
of the former deposits, which were omitted
to be sent. The surplus amt. above your
statement of value is placed in the ordinary
fund of the Mint to meet costs of transpor-
tation, in pursuance of the instructions
of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Yours obediently

(signed) J. A. Snowden
Assistant Treasurer

Wm. H. Brown Esq
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

Sept 4 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *me* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esq

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U.S. Treas. Office
Boston Sept. 3. 1839

James W. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Sir

I send to day by
Messrs. Adams & Co. sixty thousand dollars
in foreign gold for which please return fifteen
thousand gold dollars & the balance in eagles -
unless you can send double eagles. -

I also send one thousand five hundred
& fifty dollars in silver for which please return
one thousand dollars in coins & the balance in
half coins -

I am Sir
Very Respectfully

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. of U.S.

Office of Secy. and of Treasury
Washington City
September 3. 1849

Sir -

I have the receipt of Messrs. Adams & Company
dated Baltimore Aug 31st for a parcel of Gold Dust belong-
ing to me, and which they promise to forward in my
name to the U. S. Mint, at Philad^a.

I have to request that you will forward to
me, as in the case of a former deposit, (respecting which
you wrote me on 21st ult^o.) a receipt for the above Bullion
and as early as practicable, a statement of the net pro-
ceeds -

Very Respy Sir
Yours Obt. Svt
J. W. Hampton

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of Mint
Philad^a Pa.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office, Sept. 1, 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1851, may be prepared at your office and transmitted to this, as early as convenient for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury, before Congress at the ensuing session. I would invite your particular attention to the second section of the act of 17th of June, 1844, ^{and to the Joint Resolution of 17th January 1846} relating to estimates to be laid before Congress.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper with margins of at least one inch in width, that the same may be bound in volumes in this office.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

Allen A. Hall

Register of the Treasury.

Robert M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Tribune Office
Sep 1/49

Dear Sir

Will you oblige
us by sending a statement
of the amount of California
Gold sent to the mint
under the Com. to
under the amount of gold
dollar coined.

Yrs. Truly
Henry W. Wells

Charles Jackson
Director of the
Mint
SEP 1 1849

I The Director of the United States mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

I have this day forwarded to your address, gold dust,
fourteen pounds. two & one half ounces off half an ounce
for Bag, making, in the weight, fourteen pounds two ounces.
The value of the above you will please return in
gold coin to your

Respectfully

Wm. H. Dabbs

New York Oct. 27. 1849.

Wm. H. Dabbs

New York

Wm. H. Miller Esq.
Phil. Oct. 27/49

Dear Sir I have recd. your favor
of the 26th. In view of the
circumstances, stated by you and
the small amount of the deposit
being under \$1000, I will pay
the lady the deposit in two or
three days after the deposit is made,
or as soon as the appraiser makes
report of its value.

I am very truly,
Sincerely,
(signed) J. R. S. S. S.

W. H. Miller Esq.
Washington City.

Washington City
Treasury Department
Oct. 2nd 1849

Dr. Sir,

A lady who has just received
some eight or nine hundred dollars
worth of California gold, and wishes to exchange it
for coin, desires me to enquire whether,
if it were deposited in the Mint at Philadelphia
by Adams & Co. Express Agents, you would be
willing, as soon as it had been assayed,
to pay the full value in gold coin, or
what amount you would pay; and what
time it would require to ascertain the
exact value.

I have therefore to request
that you will have the kindness to
inform me on these points as soon as
practicable.

Very Respectfully
Yours truly,
M. D. Miller

J. H. Snowden Esq
Treas of the Mint
Philadelphia

Minist. of the United States,

Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1849.

Si

the Mellow & Refine at this kind,

Mr. Richard S. McCulloch, has received from
the Trustees of the Princeton College, ^{and has accepted,} the appointment
of Professor of Natural Philosophy in that Institution,
~~and he has accepted it.~~ ^{committed to} He has, in consequence of this
engagement, ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{been} the President of the United States,
his resignation of the ^{then} Office of ~~Secretary of the~~ ^{Secretary of the} ~~State~~
~~will, to take effect from the appointment of his successor,~~
which he has, ^{and} filled at the Mint with zeal, fidelity, and
unfailing industry.

To fill the place to be filled, in consequence of that resignation, requires qualifications nearly to be met with. Great trust has to be reposed in the officer, and he must use unceasing care to prevent the wastage to which the operations of the Department are peculiarly liable. It is much to be desired, if not indispensable, that he be a Chemist, since the processes of combining, refining, and separating the metals, which constitute his duties, are all chemical. There is fortunately a gentleman in this city who combines, in an eminent degree, the qualifications thus demanded. I refer to Professor James C. Booth. After completing

his College course in the University of Pennsylvania, he spent three years in the Chemical Laboratories in Berlin, Götting, and Vienna, and, since his return, has made Chemistry his profession, having been Professor of Chemistry applied to the Arts in the Franklin Institute, and having established a school for teaching Chemical analysis. Such a man could not fail to bring strength and character to the Unit. in a department exclusively Chemical.

Ten years ago, on the occurrence of a vacancy in the same office, I earnestly urged the appointment of Prof. North; but without success. I ^{now} renew my recommendation ~~again~~ with the same earnestness, and in nearly the same terms. For confirmation of what I have said, I think I may take the liberty of referring to yourself and to Mr. Clayton.

Let me ask that you will do me the honor of communicating to the President, my views in favor of the Candidate whom I take the liberty of recommending to his favor.

R. W. P.

To
Hon. Mr. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

x for a reason in no way affecting his character, and which certainly would not now be made an objection to his claims.

7, 10th Street, N. York
October 24/49

Sir

The distress of a parent
compells me to leave the United States
for a couple of months. Will you please
to inform me by return of post, whether or
not it is contrary to the rules at the Mint
to allow it to be deposited or not drawn
from there for some time after its issue
and if so whether there is any expense attending
it.

Yours obt. Servt

J. W. Rowan

To Casar Sprague Esq.

"Willards Hotel"
Washington D.C.
Oct 26 1849

Dr Sir

Can you inform me the value
in current coin of each bag of gold
bullion forwarded to you some days
since? (or the weight of each separately)
as I wish to make a settlement with
my assignee for the same.
An early reply will much oblige.

Yours very Respectfully

H. A. Willard,
per Friend

ref
to
Head of
U.S. Mint
Phila^a

P.S. Please state the current value
of Bullion of like quality.

Mint of the U. S. Phil. 25 Oct. 49

Sir,

I have ^{received} ~~the~~ ~~been~~ ~~handed~~ the ~~act~~ of your communication of the 24th inst, enclosing my abstracts of the gold and silver bullion deposited for coinage during the 3^d quarter of 1849, with the request "that they may be made out in conformity with the old method, preserving a column for the ounces and decimals of each deposit."

In the present crowded state of the Mint business, particularly in my office, it would present very great difficulty to comply with your request, and I have thought it proper, first, to make such explanations as will, I hope, justify the form of the abstracts in question.

Near the beginning of the last quarter a new supply of blanks for Assayers Reports, and of Warrants for the payment of depositors, having become necessary, the occasion was taken of simplifying these forms so as, while strictly conforming to the law, to save all unnecessary labor, - a point of very great importance in consequence of the large increase of office business.

"On referring to the Mint law ^{of Jan. 15, 1837} ~~therefore~~ it appears to me manifest that in the accounts with depositors any reference to the standard weight of their deposits was altogether unnecessary; that an estimate of value, from the gross weight of the Assayers Report of fineness, was all that was required. &c. &c. of the Mint law of Jan. 1837. Our new forms were ^{now} ~~therefore~~ prepared in accordance with this view, as you will see from the blanks herewith enclosed for your examination."

(See Enclosure marked A). The abstracts sent to you were in like manner, conforming to our construction of law, and the standard weights of each deposit omitted.

We did not overlook the fact, however, that in accounts with the Silver Refiner and Smelter the standard weights must be stated (See § 23 of the Mining Act). In warrants relating to the accounts between these officers & myself, the standard weight is, therefore, expressly set forth, as you will see from the blank form marked B which I enclose. ^{of delivery to the refiner} The standard weight thus set forth, the weight thus ^{stated} ~~delivered~~ is estimated by calculation from the ~~gross~~ ^{stated} value of the metal delivered. We have not thought it necessary, for the purposes of the accounts of this office, to set forth both the standard weight and value of each deposit separately, in order to estimate the standard weight of a number of deposits in the aggregate. A record of each separate standard weight is, however, preserved, and the sum of these items is always compared with the weight which we find by calculation from the aggregate value, showing an invariable correspondence. It is, indeed, mathematically impossible that the value should be correctly stated, and the standard weight estimated from that value erroneous.

The abstracts sent to you were prepared in correspondence with the views above set forth; stating values only, as far as the accounts with depositors were concerned, and both values and standard weight when it became necessary to charge & discharge the operating officers.

In reply to your suggestion that a separate abstract for unpaid ^{deposits} ~~deposits~~ ^{deposits} ~~deposits~~ I would have

that the form of abstract sent, including in one ^{abstract} ~~form~~ both the paid and unpaid deposits, and deleted so as to come into time. An abstract of deposits unpaid could not be commenced until the quarter was ended. The number of such deposits at the close of the last quarter, ^{including both gold and silver}, was 213. The preparation of the abstracts necessary to include this large number would consume much time, and interfere with that promptness in the transmission of my accounts which it has always been my aim to secure.

I trust, after these explanations, that you will permit me to return the abstracts in question unaltered.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

J. R. V.

Pres.

John B. Clark, Esq.

1st And.

* I will add that the abstract of paid deposits would, also, have to be prepared after the close of the quarter, unless the deposits were written in the order of their payment instead of the order of their number, in which case much inconvenience would probably arise in checking the accounts in your office.

Sir

I have rec^d ——— of each deposit."

The modification of these abstracts has grown out of a change in the tariff of mint charges, which was promulgated ^{in June last} by the Director of the Mint, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, apparently to the act of Congress in the case; a copy of which tariff is enclosed.

One leading object of this change, was to bring down the expenses of parting separating mixed bullion, that depositors of California gold, ~~might~~ ^{containing in the average} ~~which ordinarily contains~~ eleven per cent. of silver, might have the benefit of that silver, which under the old system ~~would have been~~ ^{was} lost to them; or else, the whole ~~would~~ ^{might} have been diverted to foreign mints. Consequently the number of partings or double assay-reports upon single deposits, ~~has~~ ^{was} been greatly increased, as soon as the new code went into operation, which was on the first day of the third quarter of the present year. A new Assay Report was therefore adopted, which does

away with the fiction of supposing that A.B. on a certain day brought to the mint two deposits, one of gold and another of silver, when in fact he brought but one; the lesser metal present was made to follow the greater, as an incidental gain, just as the mint charges are an incidental deduction; and an endless budget of reports, warrants, and entries, burdensome to your office as well as to mine, was dispensed with. From that report, I ascertained ascertain, in the case of partible deposits, the net mint value, after additions and deductions, ^{expressed upon a single warrant of the Gov.} and account for the same to the Depositor.

This change in the mode of the Assayer's Report, induced the omission of the st. wt. in each distinct deposit; because, altho' that wt. could have been exhibited, as you desire, yet it w^d. not have answered the purpose which you of course contemplate, namely, that of enabling your clerks to deduce the st. wt. from the value set opposite, & vice versa, by a direct calculation. In any case, where there has been an addition for parting, or a deduction for mint charges, there will not answer to each other.

On referring to the mint law — [down to]
invariable correspondence.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a Oct. 25/1842

Gentlemen,

I hope to be able to pay
your gold deposite No. 1528, in about
3 weeks. There are upwards of 200
deposits entitled to payment before yours,
or I should be able to pay yours before
the time I mention.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient

Wm. W. R. Pondellat & Co
N. York
109 Nassau St.

Treasury Department
First Auditor Office
October 24th 1869

Sir

I herewith return your Abstracts of Gold & Silver
Bullion deposited for coinage during the 3^d Quarter of 1869,
and request that they may be made out in conformity with
the old method preserving a column for the amount & date
of each deposit which you have omitted in these returns.

I will take this occasion to suggest that in
future separate Abstracts of deposits on hand which were
made during the Quarter, and those paid, which were due
previously to sundries which would I think obviate the
necessity of crowding the Bullion & Coinage Abstracts and
Balance Sheet.

Respectfully
Yours Obedient
J. M. Smith
1st Auditor

To
Messrs Ross & Gordon Esq
Treasurers &c
Philadelphia
Pa

Most Kind & Confidential

Wash. U. S. Phil. Oct. 13, 1849

Dear Sir,

I enclose many thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. It shows, once more, your disposition to oblige us, even at your own inconvenience.

On considering the subject more fully, I am convinced that the services of Dr. Farnum could not possibly be obtained here in time. The vacancy will occur, as I have reason to expect, on the 1st of December, and he must then be filled. My views have been turned upon two persons, — Dr. Farnum & Dr. Brewster. The latter, on being applied to, at first declined acting; but he has to day consented to accept the office, and I have no doubt that he will receive it from the President.

We have to thank you for the specimen of the Hope sands from which the California gold is taken. Although it is not the first that we have received, our Assayers are glad to have it, and they will test it, and communicate the result to you.

The question which you ask as to our delay in presenting returns for deposits of gold, was also presented, at the same time, by the Editor of one of our city papers, and, as I am much pressed for time, I take the liberty of sending to you the printed reply.

Ever most truly & very yours
E. M. P.

John L. Hepburn, Esq.
New York

[Copied from Penn. Inquirer, 13 Oct. 1849]

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 12th 1849

Sir

Your account of Gold and Silver
Bullion, for the 2^d quarter of 1849, has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance of \$ 1,365,362.54
stated to be due from you to the United States -
consisting of Gold Bullion. Dts 63,550,566.7 1,182,341.70
Silver Bullion. " 116,324.943. 135,359.94
Frt. Charge 6,087.00
Silver dts 42,573.90.
\$ 1,365,362.54

Very Respectfully
Caleb Whittington
Comptroller

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Office of Third Auditor
of the Treasury, Washington
October 12. 1849

Dear Sir.

I have the receipt of Adams & Co. of this
City, dated 8th inst. for one parcel of Gold Dust to be
forwarded to the Mint in my name for Coinage.

Will you have the goodness to send me
as heretofore, a mem^o. of the net proceeds of the same,
so soon as ascertained.

Very Respy
Yours Mo. Obit
J. W. Hampton

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct. 13, 1849.

Sir, Gentlemen,

The return for the deposits referred
to in your letter of ^{the 11th} yesterday was sent to you
yesterday by Adams & Co., and will no doubt have
been received before this letter.

R.M.P.

Dr.

Thos. Howard, Jr. & Co.

Boston.

Department of the Interior
Oct 14th 1849

My Dear Sir

Your ~~report~~ ^{statement} of the experiments made with the rock & pulverized earth from the Placer in California was highly satisfactory except in one particular - viz. There were several varieties of rock (two or perhaps three) & if they were tried separately you have not advised me of the separate results. It may be as you are aware of much practical importance to know, whether when you have pulverized to the hard rock all the same varieties are equally good, & if ~~they~~ ^{so} whether they be equally ^{rich}. Generally I suppose the quartz is most productive of gold & it is probably the case here - should it be found so it would then become important to know where were to be found the veins of quartz - how far they are separated & by what intervening minerals, thin ~~or~~ thick, their dip & its direction, & the size of the ~~veins~~ - all with a view to laying out the lodes conveniently for mining.

The surface earth I suppose to be a
mixture of all the neighboring mineral
masses in a state of disintegration - con-
sisting therefore in relation to the richness
or poverty.

If you find the specimens on the same
minerals separately be kind enough to send
me the result of each - if not & you have
not any remaining, & am disposed to try it
please advise me & I will send you what
remains - I have some 8 or 10 lbs of the
stone & about 60 or 70 lbs of the loose earth.

I am very truly

Yours

T. E. Smith

Dear R. Patterson
U. S. Min. Philer.

Gold Bullion Mint N. York Oct 15. 1849
U.S. at Phila. Sir

The box of Gold we sent you
by Harnden Express on the 11 inst. contained pack-
ages marked J. K. Glenn shipped at San Francisco
by him self & weighing there as he says 400^{ozs}

also it contained package or packages
marked J. H. Browning shipped from San Francisco
by Jennings & Palmer & by this letter & advise
which is rec^d this morning weighed 257⁶²/₁₀₀ ozs

The Gold marked J. K. Glenn belongs
to him - & the Gold marked J. H. Browning
belongs to Browning - Here with we send you
your receipt (sent us) for Six hundred fifty seven
149⁰⁰/₁₀₀ ozs of Gold - if the different marks as
above have been kept separate you will
please by all means to keep them separate
& in place of the rec^t here with sent you
send us two rec^{ts} - weighing each parcel of
Gold separate & taking care to have each
party have a rec^t for his exact amt.

if the Gold is mixed so that you can
not tell how much each mark weighed
then the 2⁷⁰⁰/₁₀₀ oz which it is short by your
weights must be proportioned to Ed according
to above weights at San Francisco -

also Jennings & Palmer gave an order to
J. K. Glenn on J. H. Browning for thirteen^{ozs}
of Gold which 13^{ozs} you will take from their
Gold & put with Glenn & make the rec^{ts}
accordingly by adding the 13^{ozs} to Glenn's lot
& send us both rec^{ts} to the order of Browning &
Hull by return of mail - we hope the Gold
has been kept separate Respectfully yours

Browning & Hull

New York Oct 15 - 1829
To the U S Mint
We this day send
you by Harnden's Express ^{1/2} ~~2.03~~ ^{2.03} of
California Gold for which please send
us a certificate for its value on the
coin at convenience and Oblige
yours Resp^d Moore & Co.
112 Chatham St.

Gold Rec^d

Philadelphia Oct 15th 1849

Seage W. Burton - the keeper
has been known to
the undersigned since his boyhood -
he Mr B having lived in his employ for a
number of years, during which time he
(the undersigned) feels pleasure in bearing
his testimony to his integrity industry and
business habits -

Joseph Richards
334 Green St.

Philadelphia 16th October 1849

My friend Joseph Richards (whose recommendation
of Mr. Burton is above) I have been acquainted with for many years
and I have pleasure in an opportunity of expressing my full confidence
in any representation he makes -

Robert Taylor

Philad^a Oct. 15th 1849

Sr

I take the liberty of recommending to you as a highly suitable person for a situation in the institution over which you preside, Mr George W. Bertram, the bearer of this note. He is an intelligent and worthy person, and my friend, Mr Joseph Richards, in whose employ he was for a number of years, testifies warmly to his strict integrity and honesty. I trust it may be in your power to give Mr B. the situation he seeks. I am fully satisfied you could not give it to a more competent or trustworthy person.

Very respectfully

Yours

R. L. Patterson M.D.

Dr R. M. Patterson

N. S. Minch

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
29 WALL STREET.

New York, *Oct. 16* 1849

J. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint.
Pho. Del.

We have your
herewith invoice of Gold Dust sent you
by Adams & Co. Express each parcel of which an
anal separately assayed, and certificates
sent to us for the same.

We should be gratified to learn
when we may expect the coin in this instance
and what delay may be expected ordinarily
when dust is sent to the mint - This in-
formation is desired for the benefit of our
correspondents at San Francisco from whom
we anticipate the receipt of large amounts.

Very respectfully

G. S. Robbins & Son

Alfred W. Phil Oct. 16 1849.

~~Dear~~ Gentlemen:

The gold deposits referred to in your letter of yesterday, having been sent on the one occasion, and without ^{particular} ~~particular~~ instructions to the bankers, was melted down in one mass, and ~~accepted for the mass~~. The divisions which you desire for different parties cannot therefore be made with rigor. But as the value per ounce before melting is ascertained to be \$17.96 1/2, the value of the parcels, to a ^{fair} ~~close~~ approximation, can be easily determined from the weights at San Francisco.

R. M. P.

Dear

Messrs. Brown & Hull, }
New York. }

Note. Receipt Memorandum sent with the letter.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1849.

Sir,

The Chief Coiner of the Mint sends, to-day,
~~this copy in answer of the Scott Medal~~
by Adams & Co's Express Line, the ^{three} copies in answer
of the Scott Medal, for which you applied in your
letter of the 9th inst.

R. M. P.

Dr.

John D. McPherson, Esq.

Acting Secretary of War,

Washington.

Minist of the United States.

1849 Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1849.

Dear Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., our Attorneys were surprised and mortified to find that they had forgotten the rocky specimens which you had sent ^{with} the preliminary note. These specimens are now in their hands, and will be examined and reported ^{by them} ~~to you~~ as soon as ~~they~~ they can possibly do so.

RMP

Wm. Thomas Barringer,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington.

New York
~~Boston~~ October 17th 1849

To the Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

By Messrs Adams & Co Express I
have this day sent to your mint three Boxes California
Gold Dust which you will please cause to be assayed
each Box separate as they are on different accounts
and send the certificate to me via Adams & Co Express
to Boston. The Boxes are marked ^{1st} ^{2^d} ^{3^d} and contain -
#1 - 384^{oz} 4^{lb} 16^{gr} } Please send the value of each
2 - 536 15.02 } Box separate
3 - 683 11.17 }
amt 1624 11.09 }

Your Humble Servant

James Munroe

New York October 18th 1849

Gentlemen, Please inform us by return of mail
whether the gold bullion which we sent to you
is coming or if not, when it will be, as it belongs
to two parties we are anxious to know otherwise we
would not trouble you. By obliging us you will
confer a great favor.

Yours &c

Browning & Hull
Dr

Office of the Asst Treas^r U.S.

Boston Oct 15. 1849.

Sir,

I beg to inform you
that I have not yet received any return
on account of the Foreign Gold transmitted
to you on the 24th Ultimo, the receipt
of which was acknowledged by you
on the 26th Ult.

I am Very Respectfully

Yours obt^d servant

James R. Snowden Esq

Treas^r of U.S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Franklin Haven

Asst. Treas^r

\$ 37,726

on

2,000 gold ad
35,726
37,726.

Starbaven Oct 20th /47

Sir - On receiving the certificates I find ^{one} has been
omitted. I have four Mont receipts, and have
received but three certificates. The missing one is
10⁰ 7/100 No 1482

Yours &c, Daniel Tupper

P.S. Please direct your letter to Fairbairn

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

24 Oct 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Willard Hotel
Washington D.C.
Oct. 24. '79-

To the President U.S. Mint at
Philadelphia Sir

I have sent
this day by Adams & Co. Express
two bags of Californian Gold which
you will please have counted
and placed to my credit &
also on the receipt of the Gold
please forward me @ statement
and certificate of the same

Very Respectfully Yours
N.A. Willard

Gold received

Office of the Asst. Treas. U.S.

Boston Oct 23. 1849

Sir

I have rec^d your
letter of the 20th inst together
with the money transmitted by
Adams & Co —

With my acknowledgements
for your kind attention, I
remain Very Resp^t Yours,

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. U.S.

J R Snowden Esq
Treasurer
Phil?

New York Oct 22/49

Mr Edelman

Dear Sir

yours of 17th was duly
received and you will much oblige
me by sending ~~the~~ word when the coin
will be ready as I have made a deposit
of the amt with the Bowery Bank
New York please inform me soon
and much oblige

W. K. Pendleton

109 Laurens St

N.Y.

P.S. The reason of my wanting to know so far
is that I am going to leave the city and
they are not willing to advance me all with-
out knowing when the coin will ~~come~~
ready for them

The Magnetic Telegraph Company.

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Please write plainly & express quickly; give day, date, hour, minute, and number of the party addressed; to insure prompt delivery; also your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

Office in PHILADELPHIA.....Quincy Granite Building, No. 101 Chestnut-St.
Office in NEW-YORK.....No. 2 Nassau Street, Cor. of Beaver St.
Office in BALTIMORE.....No. 2 Merchants Exchange, South Gay St.
Office in WASHINGTON.....Cor. of Louisiana Avenue and K St.

By Telegraph, Dated *John* 1849.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, 1849. o'clk min. M.

To *Director of the Mint*

Advise by telegraph if
the keg of gold by the Merchants
Bank was rec'd of the 31st

J. F. May Cash.

17/59

Mint Bldg. Oct. 20, 1849.

Gentlemen,

I regret that it is not in my
power to give a satisfactory answer to
your letter of the 18th. There is a large
amount of gold deposits in advance of yours,
and the return for your deposits cannot be
made without a delay which I think cannot
be less than two weeks.

R. M. S.

Sr.

Messrs Browning & Hull,
New York.

To 247 Broadway, N.Y.
Oct 20/79
Despatch by U.S. Mail
Dear Mr. Chase

Forwarded by mail a statement of the value of
187⁹ gold (Certificate No 1454) deposited
Oct 10th also the probable time at which the
can for same will be in readiness

I Oblige

Yours Obediently

Wm. Thompson

Miner of U.S.
Philad^a Oct. 20. 1849.

Sir, I have your letter of the 18th inst.,
in relation to your deposits of foreign gold
coins. Many circumstances have combined
to cause some delay in the operation depart-
ments of the Mint, and this random receipting
a rule, which has been adopted, to pay deposits
in the order in which they stand. Your deposit
is not yet reached, but as I have several
due me as U.S. Treasurer, and cannot
at present need the amount, I place yours
in my stead, and through send the amount
to day, in the usual way, by Mr. John Adams & Co.
Supposing that it would be an accommodation
to you, I send part of the amt, \$2000 in gold,
In other gold coins 55726
Amount 57,726

Very respectfully,

(signed)

T. Howland Esq,
U.S. Treasurer,
Boston.

James Richardson
Miner

Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

New York Oct 20/49

I forwarded you some
days since for Coinage a lot of gold
as per receipt of Register. Will you
be so kind as to inform me at what
time I may have the assayers check, that
I may know when to send for it.

Yr truly
Joseph Stantonburgh
140 Pearl Street
N. Y.

1113 - I flatter myself that I have sent you
the best specimen that you have received
as yet

Yours
J. S.

Inquiry Office,
Oct 12. 1849.

Gentlemen:

We have received several communications in relation to the delay in obtaining the coin from the Mint, after deposits of gold dust.

Will you be good enough to furnish the required information?

Respectfully yours

John A. Baird

Messrs R. M. Patterson
& J. Ross Snowden.
U. S. Mint.

To Secretary of The Mint

Dear Sir we received your Memoranda of 1594.
of California Gold & upon melting you
find it to be 275 in fineness which is much
less than an assay that we made of it a
few weeks since Charles Savage of New York who
also made an assay of the same & who pronounced
it to be 275 grains of silver to the ounce & from your
which we have a note, we think that there
is a mistake you will please by letter to
inform us of the gold & as to when we can have
the money as we have some business in Philadelphia
which we will defer until we can learn from
you when it will be ready

We remain with great respect

Haight & Bonstedt 59 Montross Ave
Williamsburgh

To
Mr Marshfield Esq

Mail } Boston, October 11. 1849
Paid }
To the Directors of }
the U. S. Mint, } Philadelphia

Dr. Sir,

We handed Messrs Adams & Co an order
for a Package of Gold Dust on
14th Sept
weighing 254 oz. 1 dw. & 15 gr. which
they deposited at the Mint in 2 on
3 days afterwards. We hoped to
have recd the Coin a week or
2 since, & the object of this is
to enquire when we can probly.
depend on it. We are anxious
to make up an account for the
mail which goes out per "Empire
City" to Charles, which steamer
is to sail from New York 16th Inst.

If you can favour in any way
in this matter you will much
oblige, Yrs Very Respy,
Howard, Bond & Co

Private & Confidential

New York 11th October 1849

My dear Sir

I have before me your letter relating to our good friend Dr. Parrish's engagement with W.D. - The original stipulation with W.D. was made for one year - He, binding himself to remain another, should we so elect - By a late steamer I had a letter from the Doctor, saying that he did not think he had been able to render services sufficient to compensate us for the expense we now are in retaining him, and intimating a desire to return this fall - Meanwhile I had projected a matter which promised a handsome return, and had offered him, together with an advance, a share in the profits - So that just at the moment, I am unable to say whether the matter would offer the Dr. sufficient inducement to stay, create content, or whether under the continued excitement in California the project can be carried out - I had hoped the Empire City would have brought letters in which to have an opinion, & settle

Hope the Ohio, may. I differ with Doctor Parson
as to his usefulness - and he is certainly under
engagements to remain - but at the same time
I should not be satisfied in retaining him at
San Francisco, unless he were entirely content. - particularly
as you have so pleasant a prospect to offer him.
A letter leaving this on the 16th would reach him
before the end of November & he might be here
early in January - and if you desire, I will write
him of that emergency, releasing him from his
engagement, provided there be no good reason on
the part of our agents for detaining him for
the great claims, or the interests of the people &
have alluded to, do not demand his attention -
the chances are in favor of his being able to
come by the December boat. I have taken the
liberty of sending to the Mint a specimen of
some of the black sands from which the California
gold is extracted; you may have plenty of it
already - if you have the time to test its quality
by the agency of fire, I should be glad to have
the results. It may be very much out of

place, but I venture to enquire whether some plan
could not hit on for expediting the receipt of
the yield of gold deposited with the Mint. I
mention this matter, because I hear many complaints
of the time consumed between the deposits of the
dust and the receipt of the Coin. - As the most
convenient method, I have hitherto given an order
to Messrs. Ruben Laidlaw & Co., who for a Commission
engage to take in the Revenue and return it
the moment it can be collected from the Mint;
of the parcels which came by the Eastern City early
in September, we did not receive any portion
until the 1st October, and the balance was
only handed to us yesterday - I understood
that the Government was to have funds with
you in which a payment on account could
at once be made - the item of 20 to 30 days
interest on large amounts, is a serious one to us
merchants. - Perhaps you could make some
useful suggestion to me on the subject - as I
naturally feel a great interest in it - expecting to
continue away those who receive the metal.
Yours truly, Geo. A. Thompson
P. S. Mr. Patterson & Co.

U. S. Mint
Oct. 10, 1849

Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure of communicating the result of the examination made by Mr Eckfeldt, Assayer of the Mint, of the sample of earth from the California gold region, sent by you for that purpose. The examination has proved more interesting than was anticipated. Our first impression was, that the measure of a spade-full would be a very unreliable assay, for a region computed to contain many thousand square miles, or even for a single small locality. That impression is since modified, by the consideration, that this sample must have been judiciously selected, as showing the general character of the mining ground, in that great territory. A correspondent of ours, now at San Francisco, Dr. Joseph W. Farnum, late Assayer of the Branch Mint in Georgia, a gentleman whose cautious and

skillful observation is entitled to implicit confidence, writes thus, under date of August 1st. - "No one can entertain a reasonable doubt, that gold will continue, for some years, the great staple product of this country. It is found over a great extent of surface, and deposited with a richness of profusion, which, all I have read in relation to gold deposits, induces me to think unparalleled. The surface of the mountains, from their bases to their tops, consists of a reddish clay, resting immediately upon the primitive rocks. - It is through this extensive clayey deposit, that the gold is disseminated, in pieces of various sizes. - During the rainy season, and at the time of the melting of the snow, it is washed down into the ravines, and small tributaries of the rivers, from which it gradually reaches the main valleys of the latter. - The gold of the ravines ("dry diggings") is generally in pieces

of irregular shapes, frequently containing fragments of quartz, and almost always covered, in their cavities, with red clay; while in the bars of the river beds, it is found in scales, polished by the action of the current, in a rocky bed; and diminishing in size, as the distance from the head increases." The above extract, while it gives a good condensed description of the mining region, without stating any thing new, at the same time confirms us in the opinion that ~~the~~ you have sent us a fair and specimen, and well worth examining, of one variety of the gold diggings, namely, that of the bed or margin of the streams of water. ~~There~~ exists, as you are aware. Among other evidences of a wet locality, is that of the spangle-like shape of the grains of gold contained in it; so remarkably different from the amorphous, lumpy pieces of the "dry diggings."

Mr Eckfeldt has made four trials, of the

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substance in question. The first was rather good. As a preliminary requisite, the sample which was mostly in stones, without much loose earth, was ground to powder in a sweep-mill attached to our machinery. The colour of the powder is not easily fixed in terms - it is reddish, or yellowish, or brownish. - The first trial was rather qualitative; to see if it contained gold at all; and upon four ounces, there was washed out, by hand and basin, so much as would answer to 109 grains per hundred pounds, ^{which weight is} ~~also~~ usually taken as the equivalent of a hushel, ^{the measure} by which latter measure, miners are accustomed to estimate. - The presence of gold being ascertained, subsequent experiments were made, with ^{three} ~~two~~ objects in view; first, to ascertain ^{critically} the proportion of gold; and secondly, the best way of getting it out, in a practical, large operation; and lastly, what proportion of the metal, could be compared with analysis,

could be profitably extracted.

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At the second experiment, one kilogramme (32.15625 Troy oz., or 15,435 grains) of the pulverized ~~rock~~ ^{earth} was taken; and the same quantity for the two succeeding operations. This second trial gave, by the first washing, 364 milligrammes; by the second, only 6 m.; the whole equal to 5.65 grains; and to the 100 lbs. avoird., 256.4 grains; say ten dollars, at standard fineness, ^{the} ~~the~~ sample weighing 258.7 -

The third experiment gave, by the first washing, 956 m.; and 3 m. ^{more} by the second.

The fourth gave, first washing, 489 m.; second washing, 3 m. more; third washing, none; and lastly, a fourth washing, which was of the very light alluvial stuff which went off from the first washing, and concerning which it was deemed ^{interesting} ~~curious~~ not to say important, enough, to find whether it contained any gold at all, there was an additional 1st milligram.

^{to be considered, has regard}
 The next point, as to the best mode of insulating the gold, in practical operations. - The foregoing experiments speak only of washing. Mr Eckfeldt's method was to wash down the kilogramme to a few pennyweights, containing the coarser bits of pebble, with the black sand, and the gold. This gold could then have been got out without amalgamation, but for convenience & expedition, he made use of mercury, ^{after} ~~in~~ nearly every washing. He considers it, however, essentially & principally a washing operation, and so far as this experiment goes, ^{he judges it} the best method of extraction. It was not found necessary to resort to the aid of muriatic acid, as the levigation had already effected a good adhering surface for the amalgamation.

Lastly, it appears from these experiments, that a moderately careful washing, produces nearly all the gold, or brings it into a narrow and manageable compass, for recovery. It is not as in our Atlantic

mines, where the gold is disseminated in pyritous ⁷ ore, and often in an invisible powder. There, there is a wide difference, so far as we can learn, between the various 'yields' of washing, amalgamating, and smelting; and a still wider, between the analytical and practical results. Judging from the preceding statements, the same cannot be said of the California mining region.

In your last letter, you spoke of the use of sea-salt, in the Spanish mines. That was for silver ore only, and its operation is to convert the silver into a chloride, which afterwards is returned to the metallic condition by the chlorine being given up to the mercury, in the process of amalgamation.

Very res^t yours &c.
 R. M. L.

Hon. Thomas Ewing,
 Secretary of the Interior.

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To Director of the Mint

If any Comisters are
enclosed in our boxes
please make separate
assay John Hewitt & Co

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Coast Survey Station near
Pondland Maine Oct 21 1849

Dear Sir-

I beg to recommend to you for the place of
melter and refiner in the U. S. Mint which I under-
stand is about to be vacated by Professor R. S. McCulloch,
J. B. Reynolds Esq of Philadelphia, who has for many
years been known to me as a successful cultivator of
practical science. Although the qualifications of this
gentleman have recently been fully tested under your
immediate observation and that of Professor McCul-
loch, and no doubt afford the best evidence of his com-
petence for this post, it is due to him that I should
speak of his valuable services as assistant in the
magnetic and meteorological observatory of the Ger-
ard College which was under my direction, and of his
own recent and very valuable assistance in the ex-
periments on sugars, by hydrometers, also under my
charge. In these latter experiments his skill as a
manipulator as well as his knowledge as a chemist
were amply tried.

The admirable moral character and
social qualities of Mr. Reynolds recommend him as

you know very highly as an associate in the
public service.

Very respectfully & truly yours
A. D. Backus

Wm. B. Patterson
Director, U.S. Mint.

Dear Sir

Dear Sir
New York Oct 9. 1849

John H. Snowden Esq
Treas. of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I beg to say that I am sorry to hear of the
30 July, obliged for the information therein contained,
but the ship referred to, only arrived this day from
London - (Schooner) & is now going forward
to the office by Adams & Co. Express. The Receipt
number is **D** 102 - 2 sheets containing

157 blanks Silver

which I beg you to have converted into Ten cent
pieces (Dimes) & if the old coin of the Eagle stamp
are now coined I would prefer that ~~you~~ - if not,
then the new one, or French pieces - If you

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the silver articles
 which after receipt of the same I have forwarded to the
 care of the carrier for the same. I am, Sir,
 very respectfully,
 Sir,
 O. Durand
 77 South St.



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 U. S. Mint Phila

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belonging to Clinton St.

| year | nature of tax | sum paid |
|------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1832 | City, County & poor tax | 716 |
| 1833 | | 676 |
| 1834 | | 676 |
| 1835 | | 728 |
| 1836 | | 680 |
| 1837 | | 680 |
| 1838 | | 820 |
| 1839 | | 824 |
| 1840 | | 932 |
| 1841 | | 972 |
| 1842 | | 950 |
| | | <u>8654</u> |

War Department,
Washington, Oct. 9. 1869

Sir,

The Secretary of War requests that
you will please forward to this Department
three copies in bronze of the Scott medal.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.
Geo. M. Thierson
Actg Secy of War

Dr. A. M. Patheon
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Private & Confidential

West Hill, Phil. Oct. 8/47

Dear Sir,

I have reason to believe that the present affair
filling the place of matter & before at the mint will soon
prevent his resignation. I am very anxious, in this matter,
that the mint should possess the services of Dr. Parson. Let
me then beg you to inform me whether his engagement with you
is such as will permit his early removal, and whether
in any case you will assent to his removal, and at what
time. If he has free to act in this matter, pray let me
know in what time a letter could reach him, and in
what time he could get home.

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R. M. D.

John L. Appleton, Esq. }

New York }

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb 8, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., inquiring whether the employment of additional force might not, in some degree, prevent the delay at the Mint in paying the deposits of bullion for coinage.

In answer, I have to state that the only difficulty has arisen, not from the quantity, but the character of the California gold, ~~and of which~~ which is such as to require that all this gold shall be ~~smelted down~~ with three times its weight of silica, the silica afterwards ~~distilled by nitric acid,~~ and undergo the process of parting. For this ~~purpose, even the~~ operation, upon so large a scale, our ^{arrangements were} ~~laboratory~~ was not sufficient, and Mr. Muller & Rappin, Mr. McCulloch, had committed to him the duty of enlarging ~~and altering~~ his apparatus. In doing this, he introduced some changes, in which he placed great confidence, but which increased the expense and the time required. During this while the ^{mint fund} work was in progress, an ~~intended~~ ^{arrangement} ~~was not~~ ^{was not} ~~demanded.~~ ^{demanded.} But now it is ^{being} ~~completed~~ ^{completed}, as to be

set in ~~in~~ full operation, and to the eight signal bands in this department four have been added. The work is now going on more rapidly; and but if I find that it is still not ~~sufficiently~~ ^{sufficiently} to keep pace with the ^{sites} sites, I will not hesitate ^{further} to increase ~~still more our~~ apparatus ~~and~~ on force still more

R. M. Patterson

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Wm. W. Morris etc.
Secretary of the Treasury

Mint of the United States
October 8. 1849

Sir

In answer to yours of the 5th, just received, I have to inform you, that the bar of silver was rejected in accordance with a regulation of the Mint, that deposits must be of not less value than one hundred dollars.

A very remarkable exception happened in your case, of the 9th August last, which no doubt has been the cause of misunderstanding on your part. The bar then deposited, gave a return of only \$65.94, being but 585 thousandths fine; a very different result from what was hastily presumed, from its whitened surface.

I may add, that silver of so low a grade, even if it exceeds one hundred dollars in value, is taken at the Mint as a matter of accommodation, and might under the law be declined.

Very respectfully &c.

Warrington Bank
Oct 8 1899

McKinnon & Co

Dear Sir:

We would like to get some
Dorrs in, Galley in exchange for glass. I believe
such exchanges are only exceptions to your rules, but
perhaps you may have the authority to spare
at the present writing - and if you cannot I
will be no worse off than I am.

Write me if convenient by next mail. I can
furnish you with the box or bags if you have
not got the article put up.

Please give our kind remembrance to your
good lady and your estimable parents.

Yours
Truly
J. W. Warrington

W. D. Halsey says better than to be a fool."

Treasury Department
October 5. 1849.

Sir,

It has been suggested that the delay of the Mint in paying the deposits of bullion for coinage, caused by the paucity of the minters, might, at least in some degree, be prevented by the employment of additional men. Be pleased to let me have your views on this subject.

I am very Respectfully

W. M. Meredith

Secy of the Treasury.

W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Dear Sir
Will oblige me by
informing me of the cause that
the box of deliver, sent on the
1st inst. to print, was returned
as sent, without any note or letter.
Yours
New York, Oct. 5. 1849. Respectfully,
Chas. Guine

Mint of the United States,
Phila. Oct. 4, 1849

Sir, Your letter of the 1st inst. is received, and
in compliance with your request I enclose
you the Muni^o of the value of your deposits.
The pay in the order in which deposits are
made, ^{your bill will not be ready for three to four weeks.} ~~I hope to be able to reach you~~
in all next week.

It is payable to you on the presentation
of the Mint receipt, or to such persons as
may present it with your endorsement thereon.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c. &c.

James R. Smith
Treasurer

J. B. Coughden Esq
Cash. Merchants Bank
New Bedford.

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a. Oct. 4. 1845

Sir,

Your letter of the 28. th ult. is received, and
as requested I enclose you the Mem^o. of the
value of your deposits. We pay in the order
in which deposits are made, your bill not as yet cashed
I will be able to pay the amount for
you then or four weeks; it is payable on the
presentation of the Certificate of deposits, properly
endorsed, ~~for the same~~.

Very Respectfully
yours W. S. S. S.

James R. Fremont
Treas.

Charles H. Pitt Esq.
N^o. 12 Commerce St.
Balt^e.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, October 24, 1849.

Sir,

In your letter of the 28th ult., you ask my attention to certain inquiries made by Baron Alexander von Humboldt, and I now have the honor of presenting all the information that I possess on the subject.

The largest lump of gold discovered in the United States was found in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. It lay near the surface of the ground, and was accidentally turned up by a negro. It weighed, in the crude state, 28 pounds avoirdupois. [William's Journal, vol. IX.] The lump was melted and cast into bars; and it is believed to have been the same parcel which was brought to the Mint in May 1824, and which constituted the first deposit of United States gold. Its value was \$4550. — This lump is undoubtedly the same as that referred to by Baron Humboldt, although the latter is stated to have been found in the adjacent county of Anson, and claims a much greater weight.

The largest native lump received, ^{as the Mint} from Georgia weighed 35½ ounces troy, and was worth \$700.

We have in the Mint a lump of *luteum* gold found in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, of which the weight is $25\frac{3}{8}$ ounces troy, the fineness 900 thousandths, and the value \$119. \$460.

The largest lump of Californian gold that has been seen here, was brought from the placers by ~~Leut.~~ Lieut. Beale. It weighed 80.95 ounces troy, was 921 thousandths fine, and, after the usual deduction for earthy matter, was estimated to be worth \$1499.80. This lump is still retained unaltered.

In a letter from California, addressed to the Assayer of the Mint, by Dr. J. W. Farnham, ~~he~~ ^{yet} a ~~small~~ large lump of gold is mentioned. He says: "The largest specimen of gold which I have yet seen weighs about fifteen pounds, [150 oz. troy, &c.] and there was a considerable portion of stone attached to it, I do not think its mint value was more than \$2000, though it was bought by the British Consul for nearly \$4000."

We have no evidence of the existence of *Platina*, in company with the gold found in the Atlantic States; but it is certainly present in that obtained from California. It may be seen, with the naked eye, among

the shingles of gold, and in a similar form. It is accompanied moreover by its usual attendant, *osmium*, *iridium*, &c. Our Assayer, in a report made to me, says: "We have not yet determined what amount of this metal appears with the gold deposited for coinage. Owing partly to its known intractability, and partly to its crude condition, it is scarcely at all fused with the gold, but it is to be seen, after the melting, in its original form, dotted upon the surface of the gold bars. What does enter into combination with the gold is scarcely appreciable, and does not disturb the assay, or deteriorate the metal for coinage or manufacturing purposes. Taking it altogether, whether fused or not, our present impression is, that it exists in but small relative quantity, and will not be worth seeking after for its own sake."

The opinion long since declared by Baron Humboldt, that Diamonds would be found in the "Southern gold-washings of the Alleghaniest," has been fully confirmed by the discovery of several diamonds in this region.

The first that was placed in my hands was sent to me, in November 1845, by James T. Cooper Esq.,

Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlburga. It was found in Wilkes County, Georgia, by a workman engaged in washing for gold. It weighed 6.8 grains Troy, corresponding to $8\frac{1}{2}$ Carat grains, or to $2\frac{1}{4}$ carats. Its specific gravity was 3.54. It was perfectly crystallized, but with the curved surface characteristic of this gem. Its form seems to correspond with that called by Haid "diamant sphéroidal comprimé." It was, without, very clear, and would no doubt prove, when cut and polished, to be of the first water. Mr. Cooper stated that two other diamonds had been found in the same locality, and that one of them had been sent to England, and there pronounced to be genuine. One which weighed 3 carats, believed to be the first of these that was brought to Philadelphia, and, with that of $2\frac{1}{4}$ carats, is in the possession of Mr. Isaac Phillips, a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with these gems. A diamond weighing 9 grains was shown at the Mint in 1846. Two have recently been brought to Philadelphia which weigh 6 grains each. There are, no doubt, many others, which have not been made known to me.

Diamonds have also been found in the gold regions of North Carolina.

One of these was brought, about the year 1836, by Mr. Thomas G. Clemson, and was the first known to have been met with in the United States. According to Mr. Forchhammer's work on Gems, it weight $1\frac{1}{2}$ carats. Mr. Isaac Phillips, who saw it, says it much resembled that first received from Georgia. Another diamond from North Carolina was shown to Mr. Phillips in 1842. It weighed 2½ grains, and resembled the above in form and quality. In the year 1845, Prof. Shepard exhibited, at a scientific meeting in New York, a diamond found in Buncombe County, in what are there called the "Aural Mountains." The weight is not mentioned, but the value was estimated at 35 dollars.

We have seen no diamonds from California, though rumors of their existence there are frequently heard. In the latest number of *Silliman's Journal*, (September, 1849,) the Editor says: "We learn from a reliable source that the diamond occurs in the California placers. The writer, - Rev. Mr. Lyman, - describes a crystal seen by him, of a straw-yellow color, having the usual convex faces, and about the size of a small pea. He saw the crystal

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but for a few moments, and had no opportunity
for close examination, but the appearance and
form left little doubt that it was a true dis-
covery."

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

H. M. Patterson,

Wm. Edward Clayton

Director

Secretary of State

Postscript. I send herewith a sheet taken from
the "Manual of Laws," written by our Attorney, Messrs.
Pekfildt and Gutbier, and I am sure that it con-
tains information which will be acceptable to Baron
Stunzeler.

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

October 3^d 1849

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Account of Gold & Silver Bullion for the Quarter ending 30 September ult.

Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servant

Wm. A. Black

First Auditor

John Rice Snowden Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint

Philadelphia

Department of the Interior
Oct 2nd 1849

Dear Sir,

I see by looking into Cambour's
mining volucencies of Spain. That Sea
Salt is used with gunpowder in reduc-
ing the ore. It is said to hasten the pro-
cess of amalgamation so that it is
complete in one day. You will find
it under the title of Reduction of
Ore. The salt is mixed with some
reagents unknown to me - Magnesia
+ Aque de Lavilla - Something I sup-
pose which sets free the Hydro Chloric
acid & allows it to combine with the
metals - I would be glad to be ac-
quainted of the progress of your experiments
I am very truly

Yours

T. Erving

Dear

R. M. Patterson

Miner of the Mines

Phila

United States Mint
Philad^a, October 2^d, 1849.

Sir,
I, herewith, forward you, the
accounts of the operations of the Mint
in gold and silver bullion for the quarter
ending the 30th day of September, 1849,
which I hope you will find to be
correct.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,

(signed)
Jas. R. Snowden
Hear.

Wm C. Clark, Esq.
First Auditor of the Treasury
Washington.

Treasury Department
Oct 1st 1869

Sir

Your note of the 26th ult to Mr McKean states that a set of scales of excellent workmanship by Rogers & Co may be obtained in the Office of Assistant Treasurer at Charleston for the sum of \$300 including the case.

May I request you to purchase this set in behalf of this Department? Please direct it to be put into proper order for transportation by the Steam Packet - and when the usual bill of lading showing its shipment to be delivered to Mr M. McKean Assistant Treasurer at Charleston shall be presented, you will be pleased to certify the bill of the cost, not to exceed the sum above stated, which will be settled as soon as received here by the accounting office and a draft remitted for the amount either in your city or New York as may be desired.

I will thank you to send the bill of lading to Mr McKean as soon as presented, that he may take charge of the package as soon as it arrives. Very respectfully
Your obed^t Servant

W. M. Patterson

Secretary of the Mint

Philadelphia

W. M. Patterson

Assistant to the Secretary

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 1st 1849.

Sir

Your Copper Coinage account
for the 2^d quarter of 1849, has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance of \$6,253.²⁴/₁₀₀
stated to be due from you to the United States.

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Consisting of - Copper | 4,114.19 |
| Copper Coinage | <u>2,138.85</u> |
| | \$ 6,253.04 |

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller

James Roge Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia,

Springfield Oct. 1st 1849.

Dear Sir,

I addressed a few lines to
you some time since, begging the
favor of a loan of your millinery -
- machine - patterns. I imagine
from the time that has elapsed
since, that my letter miscarried.

Mr. Tyler is now well prepared
to do this work for us, and I
am desirous of employing my time
advantageously whilst I remain.

Mr. Tyler thinks that the propeller
- line via Hartford would be the
best way to send them.

I should say from the almost
daily letters I receive from Mr. Orham
that the repairs &c. in the Coining
- department are being forwarded
with energy and speed.

Respectfully your
ob. servant
John Brooks
Coiner

Dr. W. M. Patterson
Director,

Philad^a - 1. Oct. 1849

Dear Dr.

I have required several days to consider a step so important as the one you proposed to me, & after weighing all that could be urged for & against it, I am satisfied that it would be injurious to my present business to seek for the position you propose. I am obliged, very much indebted to you for the kindness you evinced on a former occasion in relation to the same position, altho the application was unsuccessful, & not less indebted to you for your present attention when I am satisfied we would be successful. I regret the conclusion to which the whole situation of my business compels me, as I have long desired the position in question, for its own sake & for the sake of association with the Officers of the Mint.

There are others who would fill the position with credit to themselves, & I believe with advantage to the Government. What do you think of Reynolds? I do not know the extent of his chemical knowledge, but like his capacity & industrious habits. Wetmorell has been in a good school, & I have heard him well spoken of as a student at College. He requires doubtless some experience, but his good basis will enable him to acquire that in a short time. There is a German ~~here~~ in this country of the name of Guth, now engaged as smelter & refiner of the new Washington Mining Co., N. Carolina. He was Bunsen's assistant for 5 years, & is I believe a most thorough Chemist. I entertain rather higher opinion

of Brunner than of Liebig & many other celebrated names.
All his investigations have been of the most masterly kind
& thoroughly practical. Gentl's attention has been chiefly
devoted to metallurgical chemistry.

There is still another German Chemist, one of Liebig's
favorite pupils, now at Lowell, Mass., a most thorough
chemist, but I believe he is a better organic than metallurgical
chemist.

These are all the names I know of at present; any
one of whom may I think be recommended with confidence.

With great respect, yours

Dr R. M. Patterson

Al. S. Mint

Philad^a

J. A. Booth

Treasury Department

Post Auditors Office

October 1st 1849

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
accounts of Copper & ordinary expenditures for the Quarter ending
30th September ult. —

Respectfully

Yours &c

M. H. Miller

Acting Auditor

To

James R. R. Shandon Esq

Treasurer U.S.

Philadelphia

Per

Pearl Street House
New York

Mr Sprague

will you be so good
as to send me the value of my several lots of
gold to this ~~place~~ ^{place} at your earliest convenience

and also the earliest day I can
probably get the gold, and very much
oblige your old friend

& obed. Servt

J. W. Thomas

Mint of the United States
October 30. 1849

~~Messrs. Wright & Brinley~~

Gentlemen,

I have just referred
your inquiry respecting Gold Deposit No 1594,
to our Assayers, who inform me, that in consequence
of the assertion made by the gentleman ^{number} of your firm
who brought the gold, that he "had refined it to
24 carats," they made double assays of it, although
there was nothing in its appearance to indicate
that it was better than other California gold.
Those assays confirmed each other, making a fine-
ness of 875 thousandths, which answers to 21 carats.
The amount of silver contained, was 122 thousandths,
which, reduced to the terms used in your letter,
is equal to $58\frac{1}{2}$ grs per ounce. Your statements
that Mr. Savage of N. York found "118 grains of silver
to the ounce," which is much worse than our assay,
and yet that the gold had been refined to 24
carats, are inexplicable. I am quite satisfied that
our Assayers have done you justice.

In regard to the time of payment, I cannot

Speak with certainty, but I fear that there may
be a delay of three weeks.

R.M.W.

Dr.

Miss Knight & Brewster.

Assay office Oct 29th 1849

Assay and value of Silver sweep in the
Mellor & Refiners Department U.S. Mint

Weight of sweep as reported by the M&R 1814 lbs
Gold and Silver contained by assay }
\$42.34 per cwt equal to } \$1685.75

Assay and value of Sink Sweep

Weight of sweep as reported by M&R 1561 lbs

Gold and Silver contained by assay }
\$39.77 per cwt equal to } \$554.29

Certified by
J. R. Catepeter
Assayer

Office Asst Treasurer
Charleston 29 Oct 1849

Sir

Under date of 1st Oct Imt the
City of the Treasury advised me that he
had directed you to ~~procure~~ select & purchase
a set of scales & weights suitable for
weighing foreign gold inasmuch as the
small set I have, is entirely inadequate
to meet the wants of the Office - Their
utmost capacity is the value of about
\$650. and when foreign coin is paid
me I am under the necessity of taking
it to one of our Banks to be weighed.

I am very much in want of
a good set of scales and will thank
you to execute the order of Mr Meredith
with as little delay as possible and ship
them by either of the line steamers plying
between Phil^a and this City.

Very Respectfully

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Asst Treasurer

To the Superintendent
of the Mint
Philadelphia

New York Oct 24 1849

Sir,

I have Simon Bullion Receipt
No 378 dated this Oct 13 1849 for \$1163.⁰⁰/₁₀₀
amount shown by check of the Balance to
ascertain, that I may be advised thereof.

Trusting you will excuse the trouble
I give you.

I remain,

Very respectfully Yrs.

Edmund

77 South St.

To
The Treas^r of
N.Y. Monte
Pulaski

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a, October 29, 1849.

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 26th inst. was
misdirected to New York, and was received
by me this day.

The gold you sent was brought to the
Mint by Mr. Newton, of Mass. Adams Co.
it was in two small bags tied together; in
the absence of instructions to the contrary, Mr. Newton
supposed they were to be put together and so
directed it. We have therefore no means of
ascertaining the weight & value of each bag
separately. My weighing Clerk, Mr. Sprague,
says there was no mark on either of them, and
that his impression is that they appeared to be
about of equal size and weight.

I enclose the memorandum of the value
of the deposit, which I will pay on the pre-
sentation of the Mint receipt properly endorsed.

Very respectfully,
Yours for M^y

Signed J. R. Snowden,
Mint

Wm. A. Willard Esq.
Washington City

San Francisco Nov 30th 1849.

To the Presiding Officer U. States Mint

Philadelphia

Sir,

We have this

day shipped by the Steamer Unicorn which sails tomorrow,
Ten hundred Twenty five ounces of Gold Dust, (625 oz.) valued
at Ten Thousand dollars, (\$10,000.) to your care for Coinage
the proceeds to be held subject to the order of William P Phillips
of Salem, Mass.

We have advised Mr Phillips of this remittance and
enclosed to him the necessary documents from Macomber & Co
who insure the Gold to your hands, -

We remain Yours Respectfully

John Lovett, & others

owners of Ship Elizabeth,

Salem, Mass.

(copy)

San Francisco Nov 30. 1849

Mr. Nathl. Shepard

Dear Sir

As this goes to you instead of the mint, I will describe the Gold so far as my memory will allow, Mr Perkins saved up the packages without noting the marks on the papers, I have taken much pains to exchange poor for good parcels of dust. I wish you to examine the various parcels as they are entirely different.

One marked #12- is the "Gila River" Gold as also the one of Cap Waters and very extra. A package of 11 of an even day diggings & are fine specimens & beautiful. One 117 is the only one I have seen of the kind like meat. In another small package ^{the} the large lump is a lump worked with quicksilver.

I should like to know the relative value or result in comparison to the others. I have been inclined to reject this kind.

The gold in which the quicksilver lump may be found is also rare & beautiful.

Signed

Alfred Peabody.

To the Treasurer of the Mint
of the United States
Philadelphia

Salem Sept^r 7 1850

Sir

By express I forward to you from
New York a box of Gold Dust marked
"Michael Shepard, Salem Mass^{ts}"
Counter sunk & sealed P

which you will please have coined for me & held subject to
my order. - Enclosed is the Shipper's account of the
several parcels of dust; you will please note what is said
of the part worked by David Wilson & if convenient note the
product on your memo.

Very Respectfully Yours
Michael Shepard

\$11700 in gold Dust
at 16 D^{ls} per ounce

Washington
Nov. 24

Sir,

The paragraph to which you re-
fer, in the Republic of the 22d, was
not in our editorial column. It was cut
from the New York Express, and appeared
simultaneously in several of the New
York papers — as I understand from the
gentleman who has charge of the news
department of the R. I regret that it
is not in my power to inform you
in what English paper the report orig-
inated — but I apprehend that there
can be no doubt of its having appeared
"in late English paper."

Very respectfully
John O. Sargent

To

R. M. Patterson Esq
Philadelphia

Private

Mint of U.S.

Philad. Nov. 28. 1849

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 24th inst. I have also an opportunity of expressing my gratification at the turn which was given to my inquiry, by an editorial article in the "Republic", of the 26th.

That inquiry, which has received so honorable a treatment on your part, was prompted by the new version, evidently not originating with you, of ~~the~~^{an} article in the N. Y. Evening Post, headed "False Mintage," and commencing - "For many years, we understand, the Bank of England has refused to make advances upon American gold coin." You will observe how materially different is a story, ^{purportedly} of many years' standing, commencing with the New York Post, from a new allegation, just extracted from "late English papers." The former is simply vexatious, the latter highly injurious.

I will add, that upon the appearance of the "False Mintage" article in the N. Y. papers, an hon. member of Congress from that city

Mr. J. Phillips Phoenix, immediately enclosed the
slip to me, and elicited a reply, which, at his
request, I have since allowed to go to the public,
and which, if you think it worth copying,
you will find in some of the papers of that
city, probably of to-day's date.

Very respectfully

John O. Sargent Esq.
Daily "Republic" daily paper
Washington

West. MS.

Phil.

Nov. 27, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I do not object to the publication of
my letter regarding the attack upon the accuracy
of our assays; but I wish the other to remain
private for the present. I am led to this prin-
cipally by a letter which I have received this
morning from Mr. Duer, which includes the same
subject, but extends it to other points not considered

Yours,

Wm. Phillips Phoenix, M.C.
New York

My
Marshall St Brooklyn
Nov 27 1849

Dear Sir

The bearer of this Samuel Longman
wife Pay you 1921 10/100 dolls being in full
for the two Lots of Sweeps you will be pleased
to deliver it to him or send it by the Canal
line for New York and send him word of
Laden by Mail also I am willing to
take any more Sweeps on the same terms

you will confer great favour if you will
let my son see your parting Room

Yours Respectfully yours

Robt Longman

Thos R S
McCulloch
W S M

21 20
13 20
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TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Nov 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James K. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,
Nov. 27, 1849.

Sir,
I have the honor to send herewith a
Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the
Mint and its Branches in the Month of October.
I also send, ^{in compliance with} the request made in your
letter of yesterday, a copy of the ~~similar~~
report of the Operations of the Mint and Branches
for August last.

The amount of deposits of California Gold, at
this Mint, from the beginning of the year to the 24th inst.,
was about \$3,910,000. R. M. P.

Sir, Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of Treasury

W. S. Mount,
Philad^a Nov. 26. 1849

Sir, I informed you, a week ago,
today, that your deposits of gold would
be paid on presentation of the Mine receipt
properly endorsed. This letter was directed,
as you requested, to Patrick Elmore,
Hanover Avenue, Prager Yard, Boston.

Very very
Yours obed^t serv^t

(signed) J. Sed. W. Edelman
Clerk Treas^r of the Mine

Mr. Patrick Elmore,
care of John Scamell
No. 312 Ann St